





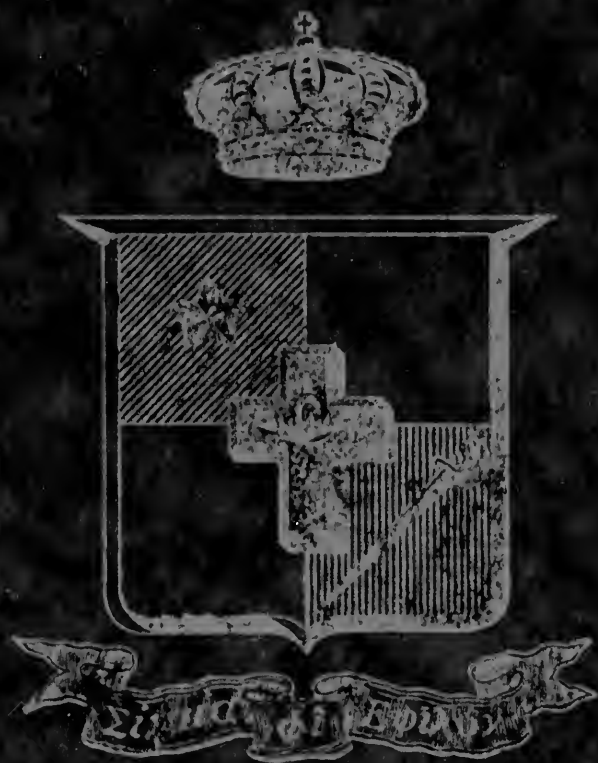
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## CONTRIBUTIONS

FRED A. PRICE, *Editor-in-Chief*

### THE FIELD OF THE JOURNAL

*By the Editor*

The success of a fraternity journal depends entirely upon the alumni members of the fraternity. Naturally such a journal cannot appeal to a large circle of readers. It is not intended for general circulation. The things which it discusses are for college men in the broad sense of the word and for fraternity men in particular.

Yet such journals do not appeal to the alumni of the fraternity as a charitable enterprise. Like the minister they can say of themselves, "The servant is worthy of his hire." They are, as a rule, costly publications which are not printed or circulated for profit. More is expected of them than is expected of any other sort of a periodical. They have a high standard to maintain; a standard of literary excellence and genuine college spirit; and also a standard of accuracy in letting the men of the world know what their fraternity brethren now in college are doing for the honor of the various chapters.

Education in this country has no more consistent, enthusiastic appeal than the fraternity journal. It has no end to serve except the obvious aim and end of its own existence. It ought to be a reminder to the man out in the world that a younger generation of college men is following in paths dear to him in memory, and that a voice from the strife is always welcome to those that are preparing to enter it at no distant day.

The fraternity journal therefore is the link between the University and those that have left its portals to take up life in earnest. Furthermore the fraternity journal serves a much broader purpose than that its name implies; it is one of the most

useful agencies in keeping up interest in University life out in the world. Indirectly those who are not fraternity men are benefited because the school itself is benefited. Those schools and colleges in this country which have the strongest and the most enthusiastic fraternity alumni are making the most progress. They have a force of men behind them to fight their battles who are always earnest, who understand college conditions as other men do not understand them and who have a strong personal interest in the success of the institutions which they attended or from which they were graduated.

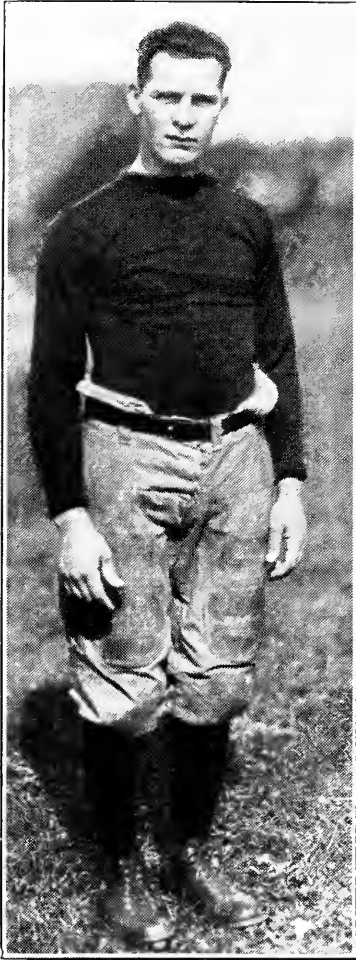
We do not intend to say that this is not true of the former student or graduate who was not a fraternity man. But we do mean to say that such men have not the impulse to work for their colleges and Universities that fraternity men have.

The fraternity journal can teach the alumni that modern fraternity life stands for the best democracy in the American University. There prevailed at one time the notion that the fraternity was the chief nourisher of a foolish exclusiveness which grown men regard as a joke. This is not so by any means. The chapter house system has made for an ideal democracy where unselfishness and lessons of give and take for the common good are daily taught and made necessary. Furthermore the fraternity life has come to be, not a source of temptation for the unwary boy, but a moral support of great value if he be weak and an encouragement to the best effort if he possess ability.

Finally, the fraternity journal should remind every alumnus of the fraternity of the years in his own life when he learned the lessons that have kept him in touch with the higher things even in the midst of a busy and perhaps a humdrum life. The academic ideals, so frequently the butt of ignorant jocularities, are not always the most practical ideals, but in the end they triumph over many a vulgar tendency, many an unworthy, ungentlemanly ambition. From his life in college and from his association with his fraternity brethren, the boy learns that life is a struggle from the cradle to the grave, that in this struggle, only the brave, the good, the well-trained may lead; that to these men we, who cannot lead, owe the obedience, the unquestioning allegiance, of faithful followers.

These ideals are worth keeping in touch with, and there is no surer way to keep in touch with them than through the fraternity journal, which brings to the man of the world, the story of a day that is past for him, but a day, the activities of which can never lose their charm, their liking for the things that after all, are most worth while.

## ALL AMERICAN HALF-BACK



Perhaps one of the most distinguished athletes in college circles of today is "Johnny" Maulbetsch, of Michigan Alpha, who was last year chosen as one of the All-American half backs. Brother Maulbetsch is a wonderful football player and Coach Yost says that he is the greatest player that he has ever seen. It is unfortunate for "Johnny" that he has been playing on a losing team this year and naturally his chances for All-American again this season may not be so good although he has been the shining light of his team during the whole season. An operation for appendicitis a few months ago did not even retard "Mauly's" playing during this season.

Brother Maulbetsch is a very quiet sort of a fellow and does not advance his ability and it is only after considerable effort that the management of the Journal was able to secure a photograph of him, in order to show his face to the fraternity at large. Since February of last year after a personal meeting Brother Maulbetsch had

promised the editor of the Journal that he would send a photograph in but not until this time were we able to actually get one. His photograph has been run in newspapers all over the United States.

Brother Maulbetsch is intensely interested in our fraternity, is a thorough student and popular with the entire student body of the University of Michigan. He has received several gifts from the students and townspeople as a token of the esteem in which he is held.

## NEW CHAPTERS ESTABLISHED

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The Grand Chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity announces the establishment of Ohio Epsilon Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, November 20, 1915; and of Colorado Gamma Chapter at Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colorado, November 27, 1915. Details in the next issue.

## THE MISSISSIPPI ANTIFRATERNITY LAW

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### The Legal Status of College Fraternities

By HON. F. J. KNAUSS, *Grand Vice President Sigma Phi Epsilon*

Of more than passing interest to the Greek letter world is the decision of the supreme court of the United States in the case of J. P. Waugh against the board of trustees of the University of Mississippi, decided June 1, 1915.



*Senator F. J. Knauss*

The decision of the highest court in our country was anxiously awaited by the representatives of college fraternities, for under this decision the exact status of college secret societies was fixed, and the right of the legislatures of the states to prohibit fraternal societies in colleges was defined. Now that the decision has been announced it is proper and fitting that the members of our fraternity be acquainted with the decision, and that there be no misunderstanding in regard to what the court did actually decide.

Mr. Waugh applied for admission to the law department of the University of Mississippi, but before he was admitted the trustees of the University demanded that he sign a statement or pledge that he would not join any college fraternity or directly or indirectly be interested in the same. The trustees were exercising this prerogative by virtue of an act of the legislature of Mississippi which designates by name certain societies and declares that they "and other secret orders, chapters, societies, fraternities, sororities and organizations of whatever name, or without a name, of similar name and purpose, among students are hereby abolished and further prohibited to exist in the University of Mississippi and in all other educational institutions supported in whole or in part by the state."



As Mr. Waugh was a member of Kappa Sigma, having been initiated at Millsaps College, he declined to sign the pledge. He was refused admission to the University Law School, and brought suit in the chancery court of Lafayette county, Mississippi, to restrain the execution of the act of the state legislature which prohibited Greek letter fraternities, and to require the University authorities to admit him to that institution without his signing the pledge above referred to. Waugh charged that the legislative act under which the trustees derived their authority to exclude him was violative of the fourteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States because it "without reason deprives the complainant of his property and property rights, liberty and his harmless pursuit of happiness and denies to the complainant the equal protection of the law of the state of Mississippi."

The chancery court of Lafayette county granted the injunction, and the University trustees caused that decision to be reviewed by the supreme court of Mississippi, which tribunal reversed the chancery court decision, from which determination a writ of error was prosecuted to the United States supreme court by Mr. Waugh.

Mr. Justice McKenna delivered the opinion of the court which affirmed the decision of the Mississippi supreme court and excluded Mr. Waugh until such time as he signed the pledge. Justice McKenna said in part:

"It is to be remembered that the University was established by the state and is under the control of the state, and the enactment of the statute may have been induced by the opinion that membership in the prohibited societies divided the attention of students and distracted from that singleness of purpose which the state desired to exist in its public educational institutions."

"The legislature is in control of the colleges and universities of the state, and has a right to legislate for their welfare, and to enact measures for their discipline and to impose the duty upon the trustees of each of these institutions to see that the requirements of the legislature are enforced; and when the legislature has done this, it is not subject to any control by the courts."

The basis of the decision was that the University of Mississippi was a state institution, supported by public funds, controlled by the state, and subject to such legislation as the law-making power of the state may see fit to enact for the welfare and discipline of the students.

Clearly under this decision the legislature is without power to pass legislation abolishing Greek letter fraternities in any

save state institutions. The forum of the advocates of college fraternities is not the courts, but the legislatures of the several states. Many of the strongest chapters of the National Greek letter fraternities are located in state institutions, and it would indeed be a calamity to have them prohibited by the action of a law-making power which was not familiar with the high ideals of these organizations and the part they play in rounding out a college student. Prejudice, through lack of information, has been back of every movement to abolish fraternities, yet we must not be unmindful that in some instances the criticism of nonfraternity men has been just and deserved.

In my opinion the decision in the Waugh case should not discourage us in the least, but spur us on to greater effort to make the college fraternity a greater power for good in the life of its members and through it to advance the interests of the institution in which it is located. Let every member strive to lead in scholarship, excel in athletics, promote student activities and above all cultivate the friendship of all men in his institution; avoid anything that might be termed "snobbishness", and I am sure that under these circumstances no state legislature will make an effort to abolish or prohibit such worthy organizations.

Let the graduates and alumni of college fraternities take a vital interest in public affairs, let them devote of their time to the cause of the Greeks by standing for election to the legislative department of the state government. Thus will we be of service to the state and also promote the interests and welfare of our societies.

### DISTRICT DEPUTIES APPOINTED

To Chapters and Brothers:

Pursuant to the mandate of the constitution and laws of the fraternity, I have appointed district deputies as follows:

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District No. 7. Fred A. Price, care of Columbia Times, Columbia, Mo.  
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District No. 11. J. Newton Holden, 2241 Ninth Avenue, Oakland, Cal.

It is purposed to have the district deputies take up the duties of their office at once so that as much as possible may be accomplished during the present college year. All matters affecting the fraternity should be taken up in the first instance with the district deputy except reports, remittances and other matters specifically required to be taken up with the grand secretary or some other officer. Deputies will be required to give prompt and careful attention to all matters coming before them.

I am glad that we have about completed the organization of the deputy system and am confident of increasing efficiency as the system gets into operation.

Fraternally,  
J. CALVIN GRIFFIN,  
Grand President.

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### TWIN CITY ALUMNI ORGANIZE

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The Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni in the vicinity of the Twin Cities met Monday evening, November 1st, for their annual founder's day celebration. The banquet was held in one of the private dining rooms of the Minneapolis Athletic Club, and brothers from New York Beta, Pennsylvania Delta, D. C. Alpha, Tennessee Alpha, Arkansas Alpha, Ohio Alpha and Washington Alpha were present. Brother Henry H. Way, Pennsylvania Delta, acted as toastmaster and short talks were made by a member of each chapter represented. A permanent organization was formed, to be known as the Northwestern Alumni Association of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Henry H. Way, Pennsylvania Delta; Vice President, K. B. Van Bergen, New York Beta; Secretary and Treasurer, C. E. Allred, Tennessee Alpha. The officers were constituted an executive committee for calling and arrang-

ing for future meeting. The affair was voted a great success, and the committee was instructed to plan several other meetings for the coming year.

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### **BOOST THAT SONG BOOK**

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Dear Brothers:

I feel sure that you have many times felt the need of a Sigma Phi Epsilon song book, and at the last conclave many, if not all, of the delegates seemed to feel the need of a fraternity song book. Consequently a committee, composed of E. A. Hamilton, West Virginia Beta, Chairman; A. D. Honnicutt, Virginia Zeta; R. C. Forbes, Virginia Eta; Monnett B. Davis, Kansas Alpha, and P. R. Cunningham, Michigan Alpha, was appointed to arrange for a song-writing contest, gather material, and publish a Sigma Phi Epsilon song book.

This is not an easy job, therefore the committee needs the hearty cooperation of each chapter and the individual member of the fraternity, in order to make this a success. Please send every available Sigma Phi Epsilon song poem or toast to E. A. Hamilton, at the Sigma Phi Epsilon House, Morgantown, West Virginia, and help us to get the material for a song book and we will do the rest.

I am sure that every chapter has a few songs or poems which they have used about the chapter house, at informal smokers and banquets which will add much to our song book. Why not send them to us and let them be published in our song book? Please see to this matter and see that any song, toast or poem which you have about your chapter house, or any song, which any member of your chapter may write is immediately sent to E. A. Hamilton. Also persuade the more fortunate brothers, who are talented in music, to use their talent in writing a Sigma Phi Epsilon song, and help us to make this first Sigma Phi Epsilon song book a good one.

The rules for the contest as arranged by the committee are few and simple, and although the prize is small in pecuniary value it is a prize of much value to any Sigma Phi Epsilon.

1. All songs must be submitted to E. A. Hamilton before February 1, 1916.

2. There must be at least twenty-five songs submitted, or the prize will be temporarily withheld.

3. The prize shall be a jewel Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity pin, the value not to be less than twenty-five dollars (\$25).

4. The best song to be selected by a committee to be appointed by the song committee.

Send all songs, toasts and poems to E. A. HAMILTON, Sigma Phi Epsilon House, Morgantown, West Virginia.

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### AT CALIFORNIA

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The Greek letter fraternities are coming more and more with the years to assume, though without original purpose, the task of providing homes for the students in default of dormitories. The much-mooted question whether these fraternities are or are not an advantage is, on the whole, a purposeless one. They are here and are developing in response to a well-marked need. It behooves the University to recognize them and utilize them. They are capable of great good. Some of them, under bad management and the predominance of lax and reckless membership, have been the means of evil to many individual students. Sometimes they have drifted into evil merely through lack of firm oversight either on the part of their older members or their alumni. The tendency throughout the whole body of these inter collegiate fraternities has been of late toward the formation of a stronger and more responsible central control administered by a national body of graduates. . . . Experience has shown that it is much to the advantage of a fraternity even from the point of view of self-preservation, to maintain good scholarship. Poor students usually drop out of college by the middle of the course and leave their fraternities weakened at the top—a thing which is fatal to the internal management and discipline, as well as to standing before the university community. On the other hand, fraternities which select men for scholarship, quickly outgrow the stigma of nourishing “grinds,” and rising steadily on the solid foundation of the success of their graduates, grow with the years into repute and prestige. Under the conditions which have brought together into our great colleges thousands of students in an almost unclassified mass, it seems that the fraternity has naturally and planelessly emerged, to yield a recognizable social unit. It seems to me to be the opportunity and duty of the University to recognize this new growth, to utilize it in college management, to give it responsibility to shape it toward good ends.

An excerpt from President B. T. Wheeler's (Α Δ Φ) biennial report to the governor of the state of California on the conditions at the University of California.

### ROBERT HOMER WILSON

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The brothers of Vermont Alpha chapter were sadly shocked on September 11, to learn of the fatal accident resulting in the immediate death of Brother Wilson, 1914, on that day. Since graduation Brother Wilson, together with two other brothers, had been in the employ of the United States Government, as inspectors of dam construction on the upper Ohio River with headquarters, at present, at Clarington, Ohio. It was in the fulfillment of his duties there that he met his death. Shortly after going to work he was inspecting the concrete being dumped into the forms and found it too wet. He went to the concrete mixer to have the matter attended to. While standing near the mixer, the derrick lifted a large iron bucket of concrete preparatory to letting it down into the form. The derrick and bucket would naturally have swung away from Wilson, but the guy wire, steadying the bucket, broke and the bucket swung in the opposite direction crushing him between it and a heavy post. His neck was broken and one lung pierced and death was immediate.

His remains were accompanied to the home of his father in Lyndonville, Vermont, by his fiancée, Miss Lucille Williams of New Martinsville, West Virginia.

Robert Homer Wilson, son of Homer C. and Alice Lincoln Wilson, was born in Lyndonville, Vermont, August 21, 1892. He was graduated from Lyndon Institute in 1910 and entered Norwich University the same fall, being graduated from that institution in 1914, in the Civil Engineering Course. Since his graduation he has been employed at the work in which he met his death. He is survived by his father and a brother, his mother having died three years ago.

Brother Wilson was initiated into Vermont Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon on November 17, 1910, and his fraternity was always at the head of his college life. Nor did his interest cease with his graduation. He kept up correspondence with several brothers and only the night before his accident he had written Brother Creed, recommending a friend to the keeping of our chapter and expressing the wish that we keep him informed on the work of the fraternity. He was also a member of Theta Nu Epsilon. He was loved by all his brothers and classmates and by all with whom his work brought him in contact and he will be sadly missed by his many friends.

The funeral was held from his father's home on Friday, September 17, interment being in the family lot in the Lyndonville Cemetery. The bearers were P. E. Cheney, N. U. '13, of Lyndon-

ville; M. L. Cheney, U. V. M. '17; S. C. Stuart, N. U. ex-'15, of Lyndonville; L. H. Cook, N. U. '16; R. L. Creed, N. U. '16. and K. A. Davis, N. U. '17.

Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers in attendance on the funeral were Creed, Cook, Davis, Suter, Anthony and Hewitt. The Alumni were represented by E. W. Magnus '12 of Waterbury, Vermont; W. H. Munsell, '14 of Springfield, Vermont; and G. S. Bennett, '15, of Northfield, Vermont. Mrs. H. E. Estabrooks, the chapter matron also attended the funeral.

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### RESOLUTIONS FROM VERMONT ALPHA

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Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst Brother Robert Homer Wilson, Vermont Alpha Chapter, and

Whereas, it becomes our sad duty to record his death,

Be it resolved, that Sigma Phi Epsilon has lost, thereby, a loyal and true brother, and one whose interest in his fraternity was always uppermost in his heart, and

Be it further resolved, that copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of the bereaved, and also to the "Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal", "The Vermont-Union Journal", "The Northfield News", and the "Reveille", and that a copy be spread upon the records of our chapter.

R. L. CREED,

L. H. COOK

W. E. DAVIS,

Committee for the Chapter.

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### RESOLUTIONS FROM N. C. GAMMA

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Inasmuch as the Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst one of our most beloved brothers, be it resolved:

First, that we, the N. C. Gamma Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, in regular session, do express to the parents of our beloved Brother Pitts, our deepest and most sincere regrets in their bereavement.

Second, be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions shall be permanently entered into the minutes of North Carolina Gamma Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Third, be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions shall be sent for publication to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal.

J. W. SAULS,  
H. H. NICHOLSON,  
O. D. SMITH,  
Committee.

### RESOLUTIONS FROM TENNESSEE ALPHA

Whereas, it has pleased, God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Clifton E. Pitts and

Whereas, Brother Pitts has always been a loyal member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity; and,

Whereas, we, the brothers of Tennessee Alpha chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity are touched most deeply by this, our bereavement.

Be it resolved, that we extend to the parents of the deceased brother our sincere and heartfelt sympathy;

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be incorporated in the minutes of Tennessee Alpha chapter, that they be sent to the family of our deceased brother and that they be placed upon record in the Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal.

TENNENNSSEE ALPHA CHAPTER,  
SIGMA PHI EPSILON.

## EDITORIAL

By FRED A. PRICE, *Editor*

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an article from Brother E. A. Hamilton of West Virginia Beta, chairman of the Committee on National Song Book. We wish to supplement the appeal of Brother Hamilton by asking the fraternity at large, both active and alumni, to rally to this good cause and help us get together one of the best Song Books that is the possession of any National Fraternity.

We have the men in Sigma Phi Epsilon who are thoroughly competent to provide numerous songs for this enterprise and it



is a duty as a Brother to do so. Many of the brothers who cannot write music can write the words and some of the girl friends will be more than glad to set the words to music.

Boys, let's wake up and each chapter send to Brother Hamilton at least one song before another week goes by.

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The fraternity system all over the country is gradually gaining ground but it will only do so by the various chapters of fraternities doing their part. Chapters

FRATERNITIES must do away with the objectionable features of chapter life and live in the chapter house just as they would at home.

SHOULD WAKE UP There are too many legislatures of the country giving the fraternity system attention because the active men in school are not conducting their fraternity in the good manner in which it should be conducted. Let the brothers of all fraternities "clean up" and there will be no more adverse legislation against fraternities.

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The crusade against high school fraternities, begun a few years ago, is still being agitated in many centers. Although the movement has received severe criticism and much stringent legislation has been enacted, the purpose of

HIGH SCHOOL which was to check the movement, such FRATERNITIES organizations still exist in many of the states. The following clipping from the

Ledger-Despatch, Norfolk, Virginia, tells of some new efforts, which are being made to check the growth of such organizations. It might be well for the many Greek letter men to think along this line. Would it strengthen the college fraternity, should they refuse to initiate men, who were members of high school fraternities? We do not consider the high school fraternity problem a threatening menace to the college fraternity, but would it not help to lessen the numbers of a class of organizations that do little, if any good? It would seem that the scheme here suggested is a good one.

The New York Board of Education has abolished all high school fraternities, and a member in explaining the action said:

"The boy who gets the idea that only those admitted to the Eata Bita Pie fraternity are fit to associate with leaves school to start in life with a handicap. The world will knock that idea out of him unless the frat idea makes of him a hopeless cad."

If membership in school fraternities is going to start any boy in life with a handicap they should not be encouraged, but we do not believe that is true. Often the best college friend-

ships are formed in the various societies, and often the pupils who are members of none of them carry off the honors of their classes.

School societies are not responsible for the snobs and prigs in student life, nor have they the power to repress the strivings of the boy who knows the value of the education he is seeking and has the purpose of achievement strong within him.

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We heartily endorse the following words from Banta's Greek Exchange:

It is, perhaps, *apropos* of this day of war and great armies that we should point a certain moral which incident has recently brought especially to mind by borrowing a comparison from the army. The fraternity, like the  
 AS OTHERS SEE IT      army, is a highly organized thing, and this organization is becoming higher and more sensitive with each year. The organization of the army is affected through the combination of a multitude of units beginning with the squad and growing upward until the entire mass is considered and labeled "The Army." To guide, control and administer this great final unit there is appointed a great number of men given a specific rank, without whom the army would be a mere unorganized mob without power of achievement.

So, too, the fraternity has its series and system of officers to direct and administer its affairs, such officers performing in their places the duties we may say correspond to the work of the commissioned officers of the army, and as the commissioned officers of the army are provided by law with a great force of non-commissioned officers, so the official staff of the fraternities have their staff of *uncommissioned* assistants coming to their aid from the rank and file of the membership.

Go ask the first officer of our army in what state it would leave him if he were to wake some morning to find himself deprived of his noncommissioned aids and without power to secure others. The civilian, ignorant of military organization, will be astonished to discover how wholly dependent upon these humble "non-coms" the whole military system is. Without them and their services the whole great system would soon cease to function.

Parallel the query and ask any earnest officer of a fraternity how he can proceed with his work without the services of the scores of *uncommissioned* officers who daily help him and he will answer you even as the chieftain in uniform answers you. Deprived of the help and comfort of the scores upon scores of men who raise themselves above the mass of their brothers, by

free service given with single hearted love of their cause, the convention-appointed head is powerless. These voluntary assistants cannot read their names in the printed minutes—they have no badge of authority—but *they do the work*. Plain, untitled Brother Smith pounds his chapter into form and makes it a unit of which his fraternity is justly proud. He sees that the visiting brother in the town where he lives is received. He takes time from the insistent demands of his business to arrange for such social life as the resident alumni demand. To him is directed the stranded brother who has reached the town sick or out of money. It is he whose vision is so clear as to see danger ahead; who fights our battles in the legislatures and before the faculty that has recently arrived from the great state of Missouri. His hand is out to warmly grasp the hand of the stranger who wears another pin than his. Unhonored, unsung, and too often laughed at by his cooled-off brethren, he is the greatest and biggest and best fraternity man of us all.

Brothers, a toast! Here's to the uncommissioned officer of the American college fraternity, and as the editor stands, drinking of this cup he has raised, he desires that a good number of the readers of these lines will realize that in their honor is the toast drunk.

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## EXCHANGES

DEAN D. MCBRIEN, *Department Editor*

What would you think of a fraternity magazine minus the chapter letters? Can you imagine such a thing? The September Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon contains not a single chapter letter. Yet it is the best and most interesting number of any fraternity magazine we have seen since we began our work on the Journal three years ago. Do not take us to mean that we condemn chapter letters. It is a fraternity magazine degenerated into a letter file that we condemn.

We know by our own observation that the following is true in only too many cases. We feel, however, that a change for the better is taking place. Many chapters are now stressing chapter individualism rather than chapter types.

It is frequently the case that after the pledge has been initiated his brothers are dissatisfied because, in their opinion, he is not

a representative fraternity man, and they take upon themselves the task of making him conform to their ideals.

I do not wish to appear dogmatic when I say that if, in the performance of this task, the younger brother is forced to slight his studies and taught to indulge in practices which he has been taught to abhor, then anything but a fraternal spirit is being manifested toward the newcomer. His self-appointed teachers may be well meaning but they are very injudicious. While it would be a platitude to declare that curriculum work should not occupy all of a man's time, there is no escaping the fact that it constitutes an important part of the culture to be derived from college life. It follows that if a pledge is too indifferent to maintain a respectable class standing his brothers should impress him with the importance of doing so. If a new member, in his efforts to be a "good fellow," neglects his scholastic work, he brings his fraternity into disrepute just as inevitably as if he were guilty of a more grave offense, for he is making it the target for outside criticisms and abuse. There is a sort of stigma attached to a man who has been dismissed from college because of failure to fulfill scholastic conditions, and yet many excellent fraternity men are lost in this way each year when a little conscientious work and seriousness of purpose would have saved them.

It is not my intention to leave the impression that we should upbraid a new member because he has not a habit of winning scholarships. It would be foolish to contend that he should hold himself aloof and take part in no college activity. If he is gifted with a facile pen, by all means induce him to try for the editorial staff of a college publication, or for a musical organization if his talents lie in that direction. Let us not, however, chide him because he is willing to stand by his convictions, or cause him to remember his college life with regret and self-reproach in future years.

H. P. MAGRUDER in the  
"Shield and Diamond of *II K A.*"

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The psychology of the crowd or the mob has been the subject of careful study on the part of some psychologists. When opposition to fraternities appears in masses rather than in sporadic cases, the psychology of the opposition becomes of interest. The *Beta Theta Pi* editorial page contributes a suggestion.

It used to be in the old days when the fraternities were commonly called secret societies, that opposition to them was based upon the fact that they were not known to the student world. Now it would seem that opposition to them is based upon the fact that they are too well known. It is a case of

"You'll be damned if you do—and you'll be damned if you don't." A consideration of the situation leads to the conclusion that the thing which really excites opposition is the social distinction involved in the use of a Greek letter name. A society called, for example, the Wayne Literary Society may be as secret as it pleases in its proceedings and as exclusive as a Philadelphia Sewing Circle in the selection of its members without exciting any particular comment or opposition. It may do no literary work in spite of its name and its members may dance their way partly through college and out of the back door without unfavorable comment; but the moment it changes its name to the Alpha Beta Gamma Fraternity it becomes an organization to be opposed by those who do not belong to it and its proceedings are at once condemned and denounced.—*Record of Σ Α Ε*.

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Don't belong to the Legion of Mere Emblem Wearers.—*Z B T Quarterly*.

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There are alumni in all fraternities that will throw away without reading or even opening a communication showing on its face that it comes from the dear old chapter because they have never received a message of any character other than a dun. Alumni are human beings and, regardless of years of mistreatment or neglect on the part of their chapter, will respond to a friendly message and a kind thought. Their interest, in fact, will be increased with every such message received, and in time they will be in a position to be successfully approached upon any subject. There is no investment a chapter can make that will compare in results with that of an alumni communication, and the time will shortly arrive when every chapter worth while will be in line with this movement.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

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Timely questions, and a suggestion.

Does the chapter value its alumni as much as it expects the alumni to value the chapter? Does the chapter think of the alumni at any time other than when it needs money? To write personal letters sometimes to the alumni in which there was no mention of money might pay in dollars and cents when money was the theme.—*Record of Σ Α Ε*.

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An excellent discussion of an ancient, but still mooted, subject is found in the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi. What is the

true foundation of the fraternity? It is, in truth, more than a group of congenial undergraduates?—*Eleusis of X Ω.*

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Brother, there is a book in your trunk (if you have not taken it out) that was sent with you and your belongings first to prep school and then to college. Somehow, it has been following you about, more or less, since you can remember. Now that you are a fraternity man you should be reminded that that book has your constitution and by-laws in it. In fact its author founded your fraternity. Some go so far as to say that the whole fraternity system from Alpha to Omega was begun by this author. He did say some things that sound like it.

At any rate the book has some splendid things in it about the regulation and financing of chapter houses. And it is dead sure for raising the scholastic standing of your band. Your Dean recommends as most excellent its little plan for plotting time and conserving mental energy and attaining efficiency. And, from all it says on physical fitness, with its little secret for long wind and normal heart-action and its fundamentals of agility and staying power, it is almost sure to aid the fellows to make the teams. And if any of you are going in for literaries you can hardly do without this book, for every one knows that Edmund Burke made a habit of reading the book's twenty-third division before he spoke in the House of Commons; while Daniel Webster, before he appeared before the United States Senate, used to tone up on the book's nineteenth and twenty-third divisions. And leaving aside the commonly known testimony to your book by Ruskin, Addison, Froude, Coleridge, Renan, Sir Edwin Arnold, and many others, you certainly have heard of the late racket made by President Thwing because more fellows had not taken this book out of their trunks; and how Prof. William Lyon Phelps, of Yale, wished to confine college examinations in English wholly to *your book in your trunk*. You will hardly succeed in any branch of literature without knowing your book.

But coming back to the real thing of fraternalism, it is all right there in your book. And if it is true that we have our backs to the wall fighting for the fraternity system, why all we have to do is to bring that system back to the original ground-rock principles in the book. Then every college and every legislature will want us, for all like the fraternity system as it was originally set forth. Now, get your Bible and see.—*Shield and Diamond of II K A.*

We quote from Dean A. R. Warnock, of the University of Illinois, an article which the *Shield*, Phi Kappa Psi, reprints. It is another proof of the fact that we can all make good if we *have the spirit*.

The sudden rise of Delta Tau Delta in 1913-14, after this chapter had trailed most of the others for many semesters, was the result of a cyclonic, plunging campaign, in which national officers, faculty members, alumni, as well as every active member, had an energetic part. A dean in the faculty, coming upon the scene at a ripe moment, entered into the spirit of the fight and lent his wise advice, a junior was appointed to be a sort of bookkeeper, whose duty it was to keep account of all of the absences taken by the members and to record all the scholarship reports forwarded; and a senior, a forceful, impulsive football player, forced the fighting. The interesting fact is that this high rank was attained by almost exactly the same type of men who for years had been holding the average down. An alumnus of the chapter stated to me that the reason for their improvement was that the chapter was lucky in getting rid of its flunkers, but I was able to point out to him in the present chapter men who under the old conditions would have become the laziest of flunkers, filling in the places left by the outgoing loafers. The improvement in scholarship in this chapter was not primarily due to any careful selection of members; it was due almost entirely to a change of conditions and management within the chapter. I think the experience of Delta Tau Delta offers the most helpful suggestions to chapter officers who have an ambition to seek higher standards of scholarship.—*From Eleusis of X Ω*.

The following editorial needs no comment other than a hearty "Amen." Its sentiment is most admirable.

#### EFFICIENCY

"Efficiency" is having its day as the one big word. Everywhere its praises are being sung and every organization or cause is becoming more and more measured by its "efficiency"—its ability to get best actual results in the most effective, economical and practical way.

More and more are American college fraternities being organized and directed to secure tangible results, to do an actual human service and to apply in their management and operation "efficient" working principles.

This is true in both active and alumnus life. In the life of the active chapter this condition has been forced chiefly

by the growth and development of the chapter house system, throwing, as it does, upon the younger members, who used to be classed as "irresponsible boys," serious and material problems of every day business life. In the alumni world it has been developed largely by the increase of accumulation in the cities to the point of offering opportunities for material advancement of and assistance to the membership as such. Properly conducted chapters at the average institution today are well managing and operating property worth several thousand dollars, providing the comforts of home and the incidental comforts of modern life to its membership, at the same time working as an intelligent unit in promoting good scholarship, good conduct, the general welfare of the membership and a good community position. The well-regulated alumni chapter is aiding in locating and establishing the incoming young membership, looking after new material for the active chapters, and pulling together generally, all for one and one for all.

Topping this situation is the general organization of the fraternity which, if it is alive, intelligent and earnest and informed as to modern and progressive methods of operation, is accomplishing much toward influencing its membership, active and alumnus, along all useful lines of service and exerting an actual and valuable general supervision of active and alumni affairs.

The American college fraternity has passed sprouting time. It is now a mature growth and cannot "get by" without effective work and thorough organization. It has taken Kappa Alpha a long time to realize these facts because the ancient individualistic idea of the South has hung on and obstructed organization and united constructive effort. In time, however, there is going to be "some" organization, for the ideal ingredients are there and they are going to be shaped and developed by internal organization work into a splendid human service institution. And this is coming about without loss of or even detriment to those underlying spiritual and sentimental qualities that every Kappa Alpha likes to feel are more or less peculiar to his fraternity. More or less of a dream, you say, but the prophecy stands and the present generation is going to witness its verity in large part.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

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In an able address delivered before the convention of Alpha Tau Omega by Dean E. P. Lyon, of the School of Medicine of the University of Minnesota, one in which he frankly called attention to certain fraternity faults, we find a very fine statement



of what the fraternity can and does do as an adjunct of the college and we have clipped it from the *Palm*.

Nothing is more indicative of the essential rightness of the fraternity than the hold which it continues to have on its alumni. While a few may lose interest, the great body remains loyal and always ready to work for their chapters and for the fraternity as a whole. No other college interest so long and tenaciously retains its hold on the graduate as does his fraternity. This means beyond all doubt that the fraternity is the chief medium through which the alumni influence the undergraduates, as it is also, of course, the chief medium through which the upperclassmen influence the freshmen and sophomores. I do not think that these influences can be overestimated. These alone, to my mind, overbalance almost any number of petty faults, such as I have pictured above. When I see the self-conscious freshman develop poise and confidence; when I see the irresponsible sophomore coming two years later, in sobriety of purpose and in full realization of power, to guide and train the new initiates; when I see the alumni by hint and suggestion—even occasionally by more forcible means—keeping the succeeding generations in the way they should go; when I see deans and college presidents working through chapter officers as natural and effective agencies for maintaining discipline and scholarship and for inculcating good habits and gentlemanly behavior—when I observe all these things, I can overlook small faults and regard the fraternity as a beneficial factor in education.

This indeed is what the fraternity is and what it ought to be—an unofficial adjunct of higher education.—Σ Λ Ε *Record*.

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### HELLENIC

The fraternities which will pass by one of their own and support a man whom they believe will be the right man in the right place, even though he be a nonfraternity man, are paying the highest possible tribute to the ideals they have received and are showing themselves the best of material for citizenship that the generation has offered; isn't it worth while to be bigger than party and broader than creed?—*Eleusis of X Ω*.

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No student has ever yet successfully cheated a professor. He may fool him, and he may "get by" as a result. However, the time will come when he will find that he cheated himself.

One thing is often unknown or never given a thought; namely, that the professors are sure of their pay and if a young man gets through a particular course by fooling the professor he has not really cheated him. He or someone has paid the institution for his instruction, has paid his board and expenses while at college, and if he got no real benefit therefrom it is easy to see who was cheated.—PRES. J. B. CURTIS,  $\Delta T \Delta$  in *Rainbow*.

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“A fellow from the West Virginia chapter, some years ago wrote the best chapter letter ever published in *The Journal*. There wasn't a single, solitary fact in it. He didn't tell us that Bill Smith had nearly made the scrubs; that John Brown was in the Glee Club; or that Tom Jones had good chances of being elected president of the Alacazaza Club. He didn't deal with any such startling facts at all. He started out by saying that there was no news—and he proved it in the most interesting letter I have ever read.

“And the point is this: after reading his letter I felt I knew the West Virginia chapter, and I felt as if I knew the secretary personally, and, it seems to me, this is the object of all chapter letters. He didn't deal in statistics; he wrote the atmosphere of the chapter—the chapter itself—into the letter.”—K A *Journal*.

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$\Sigma \Phi E$  at Nebraska sets aside one day a year for Mothers' day, when the mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers of the men are entertained. The chapter at Massachusetts Agricultural College has a Parents' Day.

B  $\Theta$  II and  $\Sigma X$  at De Pauw celebrate Mothers' Day by entertaining visiting mothers at receptions at their fraternity homes.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

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### National Code of Chapter House Rules

1. The value of character and the glory of a good name being cherished the chapter shall forbid any form of gambling, the use of intoxicating liquors, the presence of any degraded persons or the utterance of any language which is filthy, obscene or ungodly.

2. Scholarly achievements being prized the Chapter House shall be deemed a temple of learning, where the rights of individual privacy shall be maintained, and the hours of serious and self-denying labor shall be guarded.

3. Good health being necessary to a successful life of service and attainment the periods of rest, sleep and play shall be known and honored of men, to the end that the strong shall help the weak and that all shall meet each day's battle with song and praise.

4. The bond of love being the noblest bond among young men to hold them in the way of happy and compelling service, one to the other, the ideal of brotherhood shall be exalted; every Chapter House being a shrine of good-fellowship, where the men shall be kindly, courteous, considerate, self-effacing and helpful.—*Delta of Σ N.*

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We have one criticism to offer of the following, taken from the *Kappa Alpha Journal*. We sum up our objection in a question. Why call our rival chapters opponents? Are they not instead our co-workers?

Kappa Alpha has expressed her desire to coöperate with other fraternities in the efforts to advance the welfare of all Greeks. We are seeking to make our relations with others both pleasant and profitable. It is desired that every chapter remember that cordial relations with their opponents will not only result in local good, but will aid the general situation. All Greeks should bear this in mind.

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A Jewish sorority has been founded at Western Reserve with the intention of becoming national.

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At Goucher College, the sororities are perfecting plans to have one large house together, a sort of Pan-Hellenic Home, with personal quarters for each sorority. This seems to be an advanced step in Pan-Hellenism in colleges of the type of Goucher where individual houses are not practicable.—*Angelos of K Δ.*

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A number of the fraternities at Cornell have decided to postpone rushing of freshmen until the second term, regardless of what action may be taken by the other fraternities, according to press reports.

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A rushing agreement has been reached at Harvard which defers the election of an undergraduate to membership until the fourth Monday after the opening of college in his sophomore year.

The average of scholarship at Baker University is 93.54 for all men, and 94.93 for fraternity men. The grades of women students are, on the whole, higher than those of fraternity men, and of the women students the sorority average is by far the best. This, by the way, is true of sororities generally at other institutions.

Fraternity men lead nonfraternity men in scholarship at Vanderbilt and Virginia.—*Palm of A T Ω*.

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The Interfraternity Council has proposed a plan to raise the scholastic standing among the fraternities. At their suggestion each chapter gives \$3 per month to defray the expenses of a secretary, who is elected by this board, and whose duty is to compile fraternity scholastic grades. These reports are sent to the fraternities at regular intervals and show the individual standing of the members at that time.—*University of Nebraska chapter letter, B Θ II*.

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The fraternities and sororities have made a new rule prohibiting their members from taking cabs or hired vehicles to University parties except in case of inclement weather. The penalty for violation of the rule is that the fraternity to which the individual belongs will be allowed to hold no parties during the following four months. There has also been some agitation in regard to the wearing of flowers but no ruling was made and it still remains a personal matter.—*University of Nebraska chapter letter, Anchora of Δ Γ*.

#### EXPANSION

- Δ T Δ University of Pittsburgh.
- Δ Δ Δ University of Alabama, Hollins,  
Mount Union, University of Missouri,  
University of Michigan (re-established).
- Δ Υ Purdue.
- A Γ Δ Illinois Wesleyan.
- Φ M Iowa Wesleyan.
- Θ T Columbia.
- Π B Φ Kansas State College.
- X Ω Kansas State College, New Hampshire College.
- K Δ Bucknell University.
- Δ Z Kansas State College, University of California.
- Π K A University of New Mexico.
- A Δ Π University of Nebraska.

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The University of Washington is one of the richest of the state institutions, having over 95,000 acres of standing timber and marble lands which are valued at the low figure of \$4,000,000. The ten acres in the heart of Seattle, consisting of the old site, is now valued at \$2,000,000, while the buildings upon it are valued at \$2,277,000. A lease has been made for a period of fifty years, ten of which have run, with a reliable company which is to build not less than six-story buildings over the entire area. These at the expiration of the lease become the property of the university. A sliding rental is charged by the university. This year it is \$40,000 and a flat sum of \$125,000 is to be paid the last ten years of the lease. In 1913 the biennial appropriation from the state was \$1,250,000—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.

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## STATE MILITARY COLLEGES

In connection with the summer military camps, it is interesting to note that the McKellar bill now before Congress, provides for the establishment of a United States Military College in each state. In a recent communication from President James of the University of Illinois, to President Wilson, it is recommended that the present plant and equipment of the various Land Grant Colleges be extended and reorganized with a view to accomplishing the objects aimed at by the McKellar bill, and at the same time avoid the needless duplication of plant and the extra expense for the establishment and maintenance of separate schools. The state universities and other Land Grant Colleges are doing an enormously valuable work in giving military training to thousands of coming citizens, but the time now available is not sufficient to give as thorough a grounding as is necessary for the formation of an intelligent and efficient reserve force. This work should doubtless be extended in these colleges, and the argument advanced by President James in the interest of economy and efficiency should appeal to every Tau Beta Pi man.—*Bent of T. B. II.*

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If we are to judge by the following, Phi Kappa Psi has a Walt Mason in the making.

## AN INDIANA HYMN OF PEACE

I would rather be a Hoosier far removed from war's alarm,  
eating roasting ears and chicken from an Indiana farm, than

to be a German warrior on a Belgian field of gore with a bullet in my gizzard and my plate held up for more. I would rather be a Hoosier, working at my prosy job, than to be where Russian bullets with my innards might play hob. I would rather dig potatoes in my little tuber patch than to be a human target in a daily shooting match. I would rather read war extras seated in my humble cot than to have my name and address in the list of brave men shot. For the war lords at a distance war its surely something great, as their armies mow down thousands in a fight o'er real estate. What though mothers, wives, and orphans weep an ocean full of tears, what though fire, sword, and famine with their ruin fill the years—be he czar or king or kaiser, he as dearly loves the tramp of his armies in commotion, as his phiz upon a stamp. They may sound in song and story praise of death in battle's roar, but what is the use of glory when there's crape upon your door? I would rather plant a rosebush than to kill my fellow-man, even though the work's conducted on a broad and wholesale plan, and I'm glad I'm not a subject of the powers at war to-day—it is good to be a Hoosier and to live so far away. And if any would involve us in this scrap for power and loot, let us curb his warlike nature with a smack upon the snoot.—By GEORGE B. LOCKWOOD, *Indiana, Alpha, 94.—Phi Kappa Psi Shield.*

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#### KANSAS FRATERNITIES EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

Whether the building occupied and used by the Omega chapter of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, a society composed of young women who are students of the University of Kansas, is subject to taxation, was the question before the court in the case of Kappa Kappa Gamma House Association v. Pearcy, 142 *Pacific Reporter*, 294. The title to the real estate stands in the name of Kappa Kappa Gamma House Association, a corporation organized not for profit, but for the purposes of acquiring and managing property, both real and personal, for the furtherance of educational, social, benevolent, and charitable objects among members of the Omega chapter. The building and ground on which it was erected were paid for by mortgaging the property and from voluntary subscriptions made by the young women and their friends and relatives. The building has been used exclusively as a literary hall and dormitory, principally as a dormitory, but from time to time the members of the society have held literary exercises in a large room set apart for that purpose. No lease was ever executed by the house association, nor has any rent ever been paid by the society for the use of the building, as the corporation was only organized to

act as trustee for members of the society. The officers of the county listed the real estate for taxation, and were proceeding to enforce the payment of the taxes assessed against it when action for injunction was begun. The supreme court of the state of Kansas affirmed the judgment of the district court, which held that the property was exempt from taxation and granted a permanent injunction against the assessment, saying that the facts fairly brought the case within the statutory exemption providing that all real estate not exceeding one-half acre in extent, and the buildings thereon situated, and used exclusively by any college or university society as a literary hall or as a dormitory, which is not leased or otherwise used with a view of profit, and all books, furniture, apparatus, and instruments belonging to such society, shall be exempt from taxation. Gen. St. 1909, c. 9218.—*West's Pacific Reporter*.—From the *Record of S. A. E.*—From *Elensis of X. O.*

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## ALUMNI DEPARTMENT

J. H. BOWEN, *Alumni Editor.*

### ALUMNI VIEWS OF FRATERNAL EFFICIENCY

Another Summer's vacation has been recorded in the records of college men, which time, as always, will be loathe to erase. History and custom have decreed that when the sun's rays are brightest then lectures, textbooks, and libraries must give place to the beaches, or mountains. It is this care-free season in which fraternalism arrayed in all her gaudy colors displays the lighter side of a set most times regarded too learned and serious minded for this busy every-day world. This is the glass through which the world wills to view the young fraternity man. Reckless, light-hearted, and almost silly, we frolic to our heart's content. Too often, this is the side to receive undue emphasis even by the younger members themselves, to the exclusion of things that are really worth while. Does not the world judge us by the way we romp and play and not by the hard battles we have fought, or the conquests we have won!

It has been the observation and experience of the writer that the socially prominent are well known, while their serious-minded classmates seldom reach the front ranks in popular esteem. Back of this worldly classification, there is usually some good

reason. The student is too much in his books, while the more socially-inclined brothers spend too little of their time plodding over books. To the observer it seems most unfortunate that so few of us are capable of combining the many sides of our nature that each may receive the emphasis required by the hustling, busy world about us. All of us know that we attend college that we may become better prepared to meet the difficult problems, which arise in our struggle out in the world. At the same time, we must admit that all of life, after college days are done, is not found in the books over which we labored so tediously. There is a humanity with all the diversities of human nature that must be met, and, if we would be a leader, we must be one among them. Yet, if we are ambitious to become one of the leaders, we must realize, and the sooner the better, that there is a long and tedious course of training absolutely essential.

This brings us to the firm conviction that the function of fraternal organizations is the development of the manifold tendencies of human endeavor along lines of usefulness proportionate to their relative importance in the intricate social order now most generally adopted by mankind. For the book worm we have no praises, if this be the goal of his every activity and design. Likewise, for the brother of social fame when the irksome drudgery of examinations finds him unprepared, we have no genuine sympathy other than: Let this be an example to develop the side heretofore foolishly neglected. We may say the same for the athlete with his wreath of laurels, should that alone be his forte.

Colleges have long ago realized that lectures and books alone will not make a man. They have encouraged athletics of many kinds. As a result, studies have been neglected. To meet this situation, standards in scholarship have been required before students may participate in such contests.

Likewise, the College Young Men's Christian Association has encouraged physical development and therefore athletics, because physical efficiency means a clean and moral manhood.

Then finally, why not encourage organizations that have done and are still doing more than any other single agency to develop the manifold talents of college men? Fresh from the preparatory schools of every kind and description comes young men more or less "fresh" and enter their names among the freshman classes of our colleges and universities. Some wealthy and reckless, some poor and miserly, they each begin to hew their new and mysterious destinies from the rough timber nearest at hand. The path of least resistance is always open to them and its only the truly wise who follow not its course.



When a group of real men, "to the Manor born", take a few of these new men and lead them into a truer and nobler conception of life, direct them in their studies, and help to chase away the black clouds that gather on their horizon, a service has been rendered the institution of which they are a part, the parents, to whom they are so dear, feel a keen satisfaction in such security; while the men themselves receive benefits that neither money nor favoritism could buy.

Older men, Alumni and Active, we remind you of the responsibility and sacred trust resting upon you. Young members, we warn you that you pass not too lightly the great privilege that is yours; a means by which you may the more thoroughly develop into that which you would be.

The spirit of the past has been competition. The strong and mighty forces have crushed the weak; the unsuspecting has fallen before the unscrupulous. Yet, we think, just beyond the horizon slowly approaching may be discerned a new and more beautiful spirit to control the conduct between man and man, often referred to in the past, but seldom practised, the spirit to cooperate—to help our fellow man.

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## CALIFORNIA ALPHA

### ALUMNI

W. A. Benner, ex-'07, formerly located at Fresno, California, is now affiliated with the Oakland School Department.

T. E. Glazier, '09, and R. L. Flannery, '09, are proudly announcing the arrival of Kenneth Glazier and Robert Flannery, Jr.

Donald English, '09, now an assistant professor of Economics at Cornell University was a frequent visitor at the Chapter House in August. His advice during a most strenuous rushing season and assistance in many other ways has earned the warmest thanks on the part of the active chapter.

H. T. Johnson, '10, is with the government reclamative service with headquarters in Cewyheex, Nevada.

L. D. Gilbert, '10, still controls the lumber market at Oakdale, California.

B. H. Maddox, '11, has secured a contract for the construction of a portion of the State Highway. Maddox has his crew at work near Hollister, California, and finds time now and then to run up to Berkeley and say "hello" to the active brethren.

C. A. Anderson, '12, claims that he is not alone in the insurance game in San Francisco. Connected with the same firm as "Andy" is Brother Garrett from North Carolina Beta, while

Brothers Smith from Syracuse and Marr from Washington State College are in nearby offices. G. M. Foote, ex-'14, and H. W. Cochran, '14, are also insurance sharks located in San Francisco. "Ollie" Smith, much to the delight of the chapter has been playing with the Olympic Club eleven in practice games with the California Varsity and showing them the finer points of the game.

W. F. Ball, '13, is secretary of the Maine Machine Works at Los Angeles, California, and has been instrumental in lining up new men this year for California Alpha.

Lewis Switzer, ex-'14, is now rustivating at Carmel, California. "Squitch" dashes up to Berkeley occasionally to "keep alive" as he expresses it.

R. T. Aitken, '13, is an instructor in anthropology this year at the University of Pennsylvania.

E. R. Crabbe, '14, is a member of the Auburn High School faculty this year, teaching commercial law and journalism in conjunction with the supervision of school athletics.

E. S. Waterman, ex-'15, has cornered the cream of the automobile business in Syockton, California. "Ed" affirms that his college days are over, but likes to drop in on the chapter occasionally to brush up on the campus news.

Ralph Staehle, ex-'16, was one of Oregon's eight representatives at the Exposition, working thru the medium of the "Portland Oregonian". Harold Kahn, ex-'16, is also allied with the Exposition faces.

Of the 1915 graduates, J. N. Holden is applying for a State Architect's license. K. W. Shattuck is farming at Tranquillity, California. Preston Sollars lives in Berkeley; "Jap" says that he must take time to plan his profession.

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## OHIO ALPHA

### ALUMNI

We note with much surprise the matrimonial plunge of Brothers J. H. Homrighous and W. D. Niswander. Brother Homrighous taking Miss Alice L. Warner for his bride and Brother Niswander, Miss Edna M. Kimmel.

Brother H. P. Wilbur is situated in New York City, with the Public Service Commission.

Brother L. Boyatt is back at Bowling Green, Ohio after an extensive trip thru Australia.

Brother C. O. Brown has been quite successful in politics and was recently elected County Engineer of Lancaster county, Ohio.

**ALABAMA ALPHA**

## ALUMNI

Brother G. S. Waits surprised all his friends and relatives by announcing his marriage to Miss Name Belle Shaver, of Bradentown, Florida, on the 16th of June. He holds a responsible state position in Birmingham, Alabama.

Brother F. A. Hart, who for four years played in Auburns backfield, is now teaching and coaching at Gadsden, Alabama.

Brother A. V. Sevier is in the stock business in Louisiana.

Brother A. J. Brooks is pursuing his Agricultural profession near Ft. Deposit, Alabama.

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**RHODE ISLAND ALPHA**

## ALUMNI

Brothers Sprague, '14, and Lowe, '14, received their A.M. degrees last June. Brother Sprague, '14 has taken a position in the department of History at the University of Michigan and expects to continue his studies there toward a Ph. D. degree.

Brother Mason, '14 is continuing his studies in the English department of the Graduate School at Harvard.

Brother Woolley, '14 has finished his work in West Virginia and is now a member of the Engineering corp of the Metropolitan Water Works Commission of the City of Providence.

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**DENVER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Brother Herbert Quentin, Colorado Alpha, left for Johannesburg, South Africa, on Aug. 28. He will engage in mining and undoubtedly will make good as he has had much valuable experience in the mines at Victor, Colorado.

Brother Charles H. Adams, Colorado Alpha, is now located at Havana, Cuba, with the Cuban Importing Company.

Brother E. V. Dunklee, Colorado Alpha, who was recently married to Miss Obie Sue Pulliam, has accepted the position as deputy district attorney in Denver.

Brother John W. Fike, Colorado Beta, has been chosen as football coach for the Denver University team.

Brother W. W. Lininger, Colorado Beta, has established a sightseeing automobile line in Denver, and has met with remarkable success this summer. Brothers Elmo Robinson and "Jigger" Atkinson are assisting Brother Lininger in the business.

Brother E. W. Knauss, Colorado Beta, has accepted a position with the Colorado Industrial Relations Commission.

Brother A. C. Phelps, Colorado Alpha, has opened a law office at 811 E. & C. Bldg., Denver.

Brother Henry Listen, Colorado Alpha, is with the Santa Fe Railway at Raton, New Mexico.

Brother S. K. Rothwell and Brother G. K. Dunklee, Colorado Alpha, are internes at the City and County Hospital in Denver.

Brother N. M. Fritchman, Colorado Alpha, '15, is a merchandise broker at Boise, Idaho.

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### SIGMA PHI EPSILONS IN FRENCH ARMY

Few business institutions have escaped the effect of the present war in Europe. Ever alert to the progressive age in which we live, Sigma Phi Epsilon, as usual, is doing her part and sends two loyal brothers to help France fight her battles. The following from the Constitution, Atlanta, Georgia, of December 27, 1914, is most interesting reading to all Sigma Phi Epsilons.

The News and Observer, Raleigh, North Carolina, also prints an interesting account of Brothers Paul and Kiffin Rockwell, in the issue of February 21, 1915.

### PAUL ROCKWELL DESCRIBES WAR AS HE LIES IN HOSPITAL

BOTH OF THESE BOYS, PAUL AND KIFFIN ARE VIRGINIA EPSILON MEN

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Paul Rockwell, former newspaper man of Atlanta, who went to France and joined the French foreign legion at the outbreak of the war, has had his first taste of real fighting and is now sick in a hospital, according to a postcard received from him in Atlanta yesterday. He does not state whether he was wounded, but the card seems to indicate that he is ill from exposure in the wintry weather.

Mr. Rockwell is originally from Asheville, N. C.

His brother, Kiffin Rockwell, is with him in France, and is well. Kiffin Rockwell is now in the trenches, near Craonne.

The last time the Rockwell boys were heard from in Atlanta was some months ago, when they were at a training camp at Toulouse, near the Spanish frontier. The message at that

time indicated that they were having an easy time of it, having plenty to eat, the mellow wine of southern France to drink and dark-eyed damsels to help them while away the hours. That message stated that they were about to leave for the battle front. The present card, which follows, is a continuation of that story.

Here is the card:

"December 7.—We have been seeing quite a bit of the war. Left Toulouse September 30. First were at Camp de Mailly, near Chalons, for two weeks. Then made a four days' march along a road lined with trenches and graves to Verzenay, a village within sight of Rheims. Were there a short while and then marched farther into the region of the Aisne, near Craonne, where we have been ever since, in the trenches most of the time. The artillery is doing most of the fighting here, but we get our share. The cold has been terrible, and we have suffered much. Just now I am in a hospital. The doctor says I will be O. K. by Christmas. Kiffin is in the trenches. He was in good spirits and health when I left.

"The prisoners we have taken all say that they are starving, and the enemy in this region is using old practice ammunition. We have plenty of good food; in fact, remarkable for war time. Wine every day, and plenty of fresh beef, vegetables, cheese, coffee, etc. Tobacco is distributed every three days. Our salary (the word "salary" is underscored in the card) is 5 centimes, or 1 cent, per day, but we get a bonus when mustered out. Our battalion has already lost 10 per cent of its men.

"If you have to pay postage on this card, pardon me, for we can't get stamps here, and the government carries our mail free, anyway, but I hear that postage due is collected in the states."

Mr. Rockwell sends his address as follows:

Correspondence Militaire, Pour P. Rockwell (Soldat), 2e Regt. Etranger, Bataillon C, 1e Cie, 3e Son, Armee France.

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## NORTH CAROLINA BOYS IN THE FRENCH ARMY

In the early days of the war in Europe The News and Observer carried a dispatch from Asheville telling of the decision of Paul and Kiffin Rockwell to go to Europe and enlist with the Allies.

In Atlanta at present there are as members of the force of workers of Evangelist J. Wilbur Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norton, who were in France in December, and they have given the Atlanta papers some interesting information about the Rockwells. The connection of the Chapmans with the war careers

of the Rockwells is told in the following furnished The News and Observer by Dr. Livingston Johnson:

In passing through Georgia the other day, I bought a copy of the Atlanta Constitution and found a story which will be of interest to many people in North Carolina.

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman is now holding a great evangelistic meeting in Atlanta. Among those constituting his force of workers are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norton, who have been doing work in the Military Y. M. C. A. in France. Just before Christmas they went to Montmirail, a village a few miles distant from Rheims. They were asked by a man if they wished to speak to the wounded. They assented, and were taken to a little convent where there were 150 sick and wounded soldiers. Among these was a young American, from Atlanta, Georgia, by the name of Paul Rockwell.

Young Rockwell had not been wounded, but was sick from exposure during the hard winter. This, with inadequate clothing and the long marches had "done him up." When Mr. and Mrs. Norton saw him, "he was dressed in a torn long blue coat, and the worse-for-wear red trousers of the French infantry. His shoes were worn and he had no socks." In describing his sufferings he said: "During the last days of our retreat, I sincerely hoped that the Germans would catch up with us and get me. I didn't much care, either, whether they captured me or rammed a bayonet through me. Anything that would let me stop walking!"

Mr. and Mrs. Norton tried to make an arrangement to get Paul in the American hospital in Paris, where he could be more comfortable, and receive better attention. When they told Paul of their efforts he said: "You'll do nothing of the kind, please. I came over here of my own accord to get into this war, and I'll see it through as long as I last. In a few days I'll be all right again and I'll go back to the front with my battalion and with Kiffin." Kiffin is his brother.

A member of Paul's battalion told the Nortons that Paul Rockwell was as fearless a man as there was in his regiment.

The Nortons tell this beautiful incident, showing the generosity of young Rockwell:

"It was on December 22nd when we were at the little temporary hospital, and because it was so near Christmas we decided we must give the wounded soldiers Christmas presents before we left. We went into the little village and bought some grapes and some Christmas cards, for each soldier. We prepared a particularly nice little package for Paul and presented it to him. He looked at it a moment and smiled and thanked us.

Tears came into his eyes. Then he said, 'Oh I'll get along all right but there is a French youngster back yonder dying; give it to him.'"

Mr. and Mrs. Norton could hardly believe it when Paul Rockwell told them he had been marching through the winter weather without socks. They bought him some of the heaviest wool socks they could find, and they have recently received a letter thanking them for the present.

This story will be of interest to North Carolinians because Paul and Kiffin Rockwell are North Carolina boys, who went to Atlanta some time ago, and left Atlanta near the beginning of the European war, to join the French army. Their mother, Dr. Lula Rockwell, lives in Asheville, and they are sons of the late Rev. J. C. Rockwell, a native of Whiteville, in Columbus county. Rev. Mr. Rockwell, who was a young man when he died, had gained considerable notoriety as a poet, some of his verses being classed by competent judges with the poems of John Charles McNeill.

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### **BROTHER RITTMAN WINS FAME**

It so happens in the struggle for supremacy that few men are destined to accomplish a feat as great and far reaching in its effect as Brother Walter F. Rittman, Ohio Alpha. Such accomplishment for such age is unusual and should be read by every Sigma Phi Epsilon as a worthy example of merit in its supremacy. The Alumni Department extends to Brother Rittman best wishes for even greater success during the long life due him. The following will give some idea of what a large Philadelphia Paper thinks of Brother Rittman and his New Method for Producing Gasoline. Brother Walter F. Rittman is a football star, a chemist and a Sigma Phi Epsilon.

### **SWARTHMORE MAN STARTLES SCIENCE**

#### **Dr. Rittman, Once Football Star, Finds Important New Method for Producing Gasoline**

##### **ROMANCE FIGURES IN WORK**

Dr. Walter F. Rittman, a graduate of Swarthmore College in the class of 1908, has startled the chemical world by a discovery the importance of which government experts declare cannot be fully estimated.

Dr. Rittman is himself a government chemist and he, with the aid of his wife, who also is a graduate of Swarthmore, has found a new method of producing gasoline from the crude oil that raises the productive quality from 200 to 300 per cent.

The simple fact that expert chemists of the Standard Oil Company and other vast corporations have been working for years to increase the output of gasoline from a given quantity of crude oil, and never reached the solution that Dr. Rittman did, speaks for his ability and the importance of his discovery.

The young chemist—he is only thirty-one years old—has been working for the government in the laboratories of Columbia University, New York, from which he took his doctor's degree last year. Explaining his new method of producing gasoline, he said:

"The oil is passed in the form of vapor into a hot tube which is under a pressure varying from 90 to 500 pounds to a square inch and at a temperature of about 450 degrees Centigrade. This "breaks the kerosene molecules up into gasoline molecules. The process is similar to the popping of corn and very simple. The old way was to distil off the gasoline from the liquid, and when that was done no more gasoline could be obtained.

"By my process we break up the residue, the big molecules that were not used heretofore to get gasoline. It virtually begins where the old process ends. Double the amount of gasoline is obtained by the breaking-up process. The residue solids, which sell for about three cents a gallon, are converted into gasoline, which sells for about twelve cents a gallon."

The process can also be used to produce toluol and benzol. "I do not claim that I have cheapened the process directly," continued Dr. Rittman, "but I do claim to have lessened the cost of deriving gasoline from petroleum by increasing the productive qualities of petroleum and getting the gasoline from cheaper oils."

Secretary Lane as well as numerous experts pronounce the discovery of the young scientist of the utmost value and importance.

#### HAD COLLEGE ROMANCE

Dr. Rittman's life is the story of a poor boy who succeeded by his own efforts against great odds. Born in Sandusky, Ohio, he was early forced to leave school and start in to earn his living. He worked for a while in a machine shop in Cleveland and thus earned enough to attend the Ohio State University.

He entered Swarthmore in 1906 and was graduated in three years, but remained to take his master's degree, which he did in 1909. While at Swarthmore he met Miss Anna Francis Camp-



bell, of Salem, Ohio, also a student there. They worked together in classes, and a year and a half ago were married.

Dr. Rittman was not the type of college man known in college as a "grind." He was a thick-set youth of medium height and went out for the football team from the first. Speaking for his physical ability as well as his mental equipment is the fact that he played end on the great Swarthmore teams that lowered the colors of Pennsylvania, Cornell, the Navy, Lafayette and a number of other larger colleges. He was known as a hard, dependable player who worked every minute of the game.

After leaving Swarthmore Dr. Rittman worked for a while in the laboratories of the United Gas Improvement Company, but later went into the employ of the Government. It was then that he married Miss Campbell. She had been his companion at college, interested always in his work and not in his social achievements, although like all men who do not seek social honors, they came and sought him. He was popular with all classes of students, young men and young women.

Miss Campbell, the present Mrs. Rittman not only worked with Dr. Rittman in the laboratory but translated numerous German textbooks for him. She is a student of languages as well as proficient in chemistry and to her inspiration and help the young chemist ascribes most of his success. Mrs. Rittman modestly disclaims any of her husband's honors but from him, who knows her best, there is a ring of a little more than gallantry in his praise of her assistance.

Dr. Rittman spent most of his time under Dr. Gellert Alleman, professor of chemistry at Swarthmore, while at college and his tribute to the young chemist is thorough.

"He's as smart as a trap and works like the deuce," said Professor Alleman. "His success is an instance of what perseverance and hard work can accomplish, when guided by common sense. He was extremely popular here as a student. Afterwards he was a lecturer in industrial chemistry, and still later obtained the Joshua Lippincott fellowship from Swarthmore College, entering as a graduate student in the department of chemical engineering of Columbia University. Dr. Rittman was interested in oil and did some research work in the department of chemistry at Swarthmore College."

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### ALABAMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alabama Alumni Association of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity was organized on August 18, 1915 at Birmingham, Alabama, and it is with a great deal of pleasure that we announce this fact through "The Journal".

The organization of an alumni association for Alabama had been discussed at different times among our alumni, but not until August of this year had any definite steps ever been taken to organize such an association. Much credit is due Brothers Henry J. Porter, Jr. and Arthur A. Adams, Jr. both of Birmingham, for making the start and handling the organization in such a successful manner.

The officers elected for the first year are as follows: Henry J. Porter, Jr. of Birmingham, Alabama, president; Alan M. Smith of Birmingham, Alabama, secretary; Arthur A. Adams, Jr. of Birmingham, Alabama, treasurer.

Besides these officers four vice presidents were elected. The state was divided into four districts and one vice president elected from each; it being the duty of the vice presidents to keep in touch with the alumni in their respective districts, thus keeping the association informed as to the alumni over the state at large. The men elected to fill these offices, are as follows: Northeastern District—Frank A. Hart at Gadsden, Alabama; Southeastern District—C. L. Turnipseed at Hurtsboro, Alabama; Southwestern District—Jno. Blake at Selma, Alabama; Northwestern District—Thos. L. Sharpe at Cullman, Alabama.

While our association has been organized for only about three months, over half of the alumni in this state have registered and thereby become active members, and we feel justified in saying that the association is a success.

We take this opportunity in sending greetings to our brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon and we invite them to co-operate with us as much as possible. We will greatly appreciate it if any of our brothers will notify the Alabama Alumni Association whenever any alumnus moves into our state, so that we may get in touch with him and have him affiliate with us. If any information is desired that we can give, don't hesitate to write, and we will do what we can.

Faternally,

ALABAMA ALUMNI ASSN. of S. P. E.

*By Alan M. Smith,*  
Secretary.

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### A NOVEL INVITATION

The following is a copy of an invitation sent out recently by the Denver Alumni Association:

"Do Married Men Make the Best Husbands?"

That isn't the question—What we want to tell you about is the Sigma Phi Epsilon, Big Feed, High Jinks and Stag Enter-

tainment, at the Albany, November 19, 1915, 6:30 P. M. Informal. To celebrate Founders Day and have the best time you ever had. If you don't come you will forever kick yourself for missing this the first event staged by Denver Alumni Chapter No. 1. Tie that old excuse out in the backyard; come down, loosen up and forget your troubles. This is going to be too big an event to be anything but a success—and to be a success we must count on everyone.

Our Grand Secretary Bro. Phillips will be here November 26th.

Denver Alumni Chapter No. 1 Sigma Phi Epsilon

F. J. KNAUSS, President      A. C. PHELPS, Chairman.

P. S.—Remember the Installation of the Chapter at Colorado Agricultural College, Nov. 27.

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### ALTOONA BOY TAKES HONORS AT PENNSYLVANIA

Matthew W. Black graduates this month from State college with honors, his scholastic attainments placing him among the first twenty-five of his class. Mr. Black graduated from the Altoona High school in the class of 1911, at which time he was awarded a University of Pennsylvania scholarship, but forfeited it to go to Pennsylvania State college. He entered State college in the fall of 1911, and pursued a course in liberal arts school, in the department of psychology and education. Many honors have fallen to Mr. Black, of which the following are most important:

A scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania in English literature and philology; elected to the honorary society Phi Kappa Phi; took part in musical and debating organizations, etc. Mr. Black is the youngest member of his class, he being but twenty years old. He belonged to the Sigma Phi Epsilon national fraternity.—*Penn. State College Paper*.

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### YOUNG ATLANTA ARCHITECT WINS ROME SCHOLARSHIP IN NATION WIDE CONTEST

A national academic distinction has been conferred upon an Atlanta youth, in the "Rome scholarship" awarded to Philip Trammel Shutze, a graduate of Georgia Tech and assistant in the firm of Hentz & Reid, Atlanta architects.

Less than twenty-five years of age, and only three years out of college, young Shutze, a native of Columbus, Ga., in competition with brilliant minds throughout North America, won one

of the most enviable international scholarships held forth to aspiring students.

Upon the opening of the next scholastic season, he goes to Rome, Italy, to take his course in the American Academy of Architecture, with full expense paid and \$1,500 annual expense funds.

#### BRILLIANT STUDENT

For the past year young Shutze has been attached to the Hentz & Reid offices. Prior to that time he was an assistant in the Georgia Tech faculty, from which he graduated in 1912 with signal honors. He was distinguished as one of the most promising students in the institution, and Professor Francis P. Smith, instructor in architecture at Tech, pronounces him the most brilliant pupil he had ever observed.

In discussing the winning of the scholarship by Mr. Shutze, Professor Smith said:

"Rome even more than Athens is the fountain-head of inspiration for the architect, for there were gathered upon the precious threads of the Greek style, which, woven with other strands equally valuable, produced a fabric which is almost inexhaustible in its richness and suggestion. The masterful planning, composition and construction of the remains of ancient Rome, with all their wealth of ideas, form perhaps the most precious heritage of the profession of architecture. There are to be found the great fundamental principles of design which have dominated the greatest structures of all nations since the close of the middle age.

"It was some such thought as this in the far-seeing mind of the late Charles Follen McKim that led to his founding of the American Academy in Rome. He, too, had seen the vision of Brunelleschi and had followed him to Rome. As his great forerunner had given a new style to Florence and to Italy, so McKim offered a new ideal to America. Better architecture is being produced in America today than in any other country of the world and it is safe to say that our pre-eminence is due to the unrivalled example of the work of McKim's firm. The superlative excellence of their work is owing to their thorough and intimate knowledge of Roman and Italian work at first hand. Such careful study has resulted in their producing structures of the first class, based indeed upon tradition, but nevertheless quite American and contemporary in their character. These are the qualities we must strive for if America is to have a genuine and lasting style of her own.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

"The great purpose of the American Academy in Rome is to accomplish exactly this: It offers to the most gifted young artists of our country the opportunity of prolonged study and research in classical lands under the most favorable conditions possible. To win the 'Roman Prize' is perhaps the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a student of architecture, sculpture or painting, and in being awarded the prize in architecture this year Mr. Shutze has proved his worth against the best talent in America.

"In the spring of each year the academy conducts a preliminary competition in each of the three arts to select the contestants who shall enter the final competition. These preliminary problems are open to unmarried college graduates only.

"The subject of the architectural problem this year was 'The Decorative Treatment of an Island.' The requirements were that a commemorative monument, an open-air theater, formal gardens and a great bridge were to be incorporated in the design, but great freedom of arrangement and treatment was left to the competitors. The contestants were required to present a design for this problem, made in fourteen consecutive hours without any criticism or reference to books or drawings. The preliminary competition in Atlanta was held under the direction of the department of architecture at the Georgia School of Technology, of which Mr. Shutze is an honor graduate.

"From the scores of entries throughout the country, the best four designs were selected by the academy jury in New York. Those who saw Mr. Shutze's drawing here were not surprised when it was learned that he had secured one of the four coveted places, as it showed a firm grasp of the problem and was remarkable in its presentation.

## WARM PRAISE FROM MEADE

"The four 'logists' were allowed six weeks in which to restudy their solutions and make the final drawings at a large scale in water color. The only word of criticism regarding the designs that has been heard, came from William R. Meade, president of the academy, who said that Mr. Shutze's design was the finest piece of student work he had ever seen!

"The great prize carries with it residence at the Academy in Rome for three years. The value of the fellowship is sufficient to cover all expenses during this time. Unless the European situation necessitates a postponement, Mr. Shutze will report in Rome about the first of October. The academy now occupies its perfectly appointed new building adjoining the grounds of the

Villa Aurelia. Here the 'fellows' in architecture, sculpture and painting live and work together under the direction of experienced advisers. In addition to the splendid library facilities of the academy, the students have access to all the great libraries and collections in the capital, affording an unequalled opportunity for research work. Intelligent study of the actual monuments of Rome forms a great part of their work, and the inspiration derived from this can scarcely be overestimated. At least one collaborative problem by architect, sculptor and painter is done to bring out the real unity existing among the three arts, and an exhaustive study is also made in the restoration of some building or group of buildings. Certain months in each year are devoted to travel and study in Italy, Greece and other classical lands. A more comprehensive or efficient rounding out of an architectural education would be difficult to imagine.

"The American Academy in Rome is still in its infancy, but it has already accomplished results that should be far-reaching in the development of our national style, and we firmly believe that the high hopes of the honored McKim will be realized. Fresh torches will be lighted at the altars of Rome and brought back to give better light to the new world."—*Atlanta Constitution*, June 27, 1915.

(P. T. Shutze is a member of Georgia Alpha.)

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### A PROMINENT SIGMA PHI EPSILON

The Evening Tribune, Pendleton, Oregon, March 25th and 26th, 1915 prints interesting stories of Brother B. L. Ballard, Attorney at Law, and a Sigma Phi Epsilon of that city.

#### B. L. BALLARD APPOINTED TO MANAGE BASEBALL TEAM

##### LOCAL ATTORNEY IS CHOSEN BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT MEETING

B. L. Ballard, well known young attorney, will be the manager of the Pendleton team of the Blue Mountain league, the appointment having been made this morning at a meeting of the board of directors in the Commercial association. Mr. Ballard has commenced his duties by issuing a call for all ballplayers in Pendleton and in the countryside adjacent to meet at Round-up Park at ten o'clock Sunday morning for initial practice. The team will be strictly an amateur affair and all bona fide residents will be eligible to compete for places.

Mr. Ballard will have full control of the team on and off the field, the directors delegating to him the necessary authority. He has had experience in baseball for a number of years and is an enthusiastic fan.

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### MARRIAGES

John Walter Carlysle Johnson, Virginia Alpha, was married to Miss Bertha Cleopa Farr on Tuesday, November 26th at 6 o'clock at the Church of Our Savior, Broad Run, Virginia. They will be at home after December 15th, Clifton Forge, Virginia.

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Professor and Mrs. Edwin Chapin Starks request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their niece, Martha Lydia Bourne to Mr. Otto G. Reumann on Saturday afternoon the seventh of August at three o'clock. First English Lutheran Church, Syracuse, New York.

At Home after October first, 160 Claremont Avenue, New York City.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walter Dickenson announce the marriage of their daughter Anna to Mr. John Edwin Woodward on Friday, the eighth of October, 1915. Castlewood, Virginia.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Jones Moultrie request the honor of Mr. Phillips' presence at the marriage of their daughter Mildred to Mr. Frank Garrett Louthan on Tuesday, the nineteenth of October at half after six o'clock in the evening at the First Presbyterian Church, Rome, Georgia.

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Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Everett Brown request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Jessie Imogene to Mr. Hadleigh Marsh, D. C. Alpha, on the evening of Wednesday, May 12, 1915, at half after eight o'clock, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Chicago.

At home after October 1st, Washington, D. C.

## CHAPTER LETTERS

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### VIRGINIA ALPHA

#### RICHMOND COLLEGE

**Meets each Monday Evening in Chapter rooms, Richmond College,  
Virginia.**

Virginia Alpha has returned this session with regular "Spider Pep". We have a strong nucleus with which to begin one of the brightest years in the history of our chapter. We trust that all S. P. E.'s spent a pleasant summer vacation and now all are ready to begin real conscientious work—lifting our standard to its fullest height—to the everlasting glory of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

We are proud to introduce our late Brother Leo Tyson, who was taken in the first part of the year. Brother Tyson represents the athletic side of our chapter in track and basket ball, and we are looking to him for big things in the future.

Brother Privott, the star end of the 'Varsity football team has been showing up in old time form, but is out of the game temporarily on account of a sprained shoulder, but we hope to see him "donned" up again soon, fighting and witnessing for S. P. E. One of the highest honors paid one here at Richmond College was bestowed on our Brother Privott several days ago in being elected unanimously president of the athletic association. We hail him!

Brothers Garcin, Mason, Wright, and Miller have returned, and are showing up well in their various fields of activity—we have representatives in the literary societies doing splendid work; business manager of the "Collegian", our weekly paper; several are on the editorial staff of the "Messenger", a monthly magazine; representatives to the debating and forensic council, and others interested in many phases of college interests. Brother Miller was elected president of the sophomore class.



The goating season opens here the 15th of November, and there are a number of prospects on the campus. We have received letters recommending men, and every effort possible is being put forth to make this year a banner one. We are hoping to wind up with about eighteen in our chapter.

We send all good wishes for entire success and prosperity to every S. P. E. during the coming year.

*E. W. Miller,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
VIRGINIA ALPHA.

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## WEST VIRGINIA BETA

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### WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

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**Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. at Chapter House, 115 High Street,  
Morgantown, West Virginia.**

After a most delightful and pleasant vacation, we of West Virginia Beta again find ourselves enshrouded in the bracing atmosphere of college life. We extend to our sister chapters a hearty greeting, and sincerely hope that the ensuing year may hold in store for each of us the same goodly portion of glory and success so characteristic of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

We have many reasons for being especially optimistic. Upon our return to school we occupied a new chapter house, probably the most commodious and palatial to be found at West Virginia University. Facing on High Street and in a beautiful residence district, the house is most desirable. Here we will be found by all visiting brothers, whom we shall cordially welcome at all times.

Most of last year's men returned to school. Those who did not return are Kerr, Penwell, Willis, Doxee, Bierer, and Compton. Brothers Doxee and Bierer were graduated, however, and have reported great success as bread-winners. Brother Willis is attending the Fairmont State Normal School, but expects to return to the University next semester. Brothers Kerr and Compton will also return at that time. Brother Penwell has moved to Oklahoma and has given up his college course at West Virginia. He favors the chapter with frequent letters, and speaks in most superlative terms of the West. Brother Polley, who has been out of school for the past three years, is again with us. "Bill" has lost none of his wit, but is still as entertaining as ever.

As a result of a most strenuous rushing campaign, we have succeeded in pledging seven of the best freshmen in school. We

have chosen with great care and discretion, and are confident that we have picked men who will bring honor to our fraternity.

Brothers Dexter and Neidermeyer were taken into the Sphinx in June. We congratulate them and share their honors.

Of football stars West Virginia Beta boasts. Henrie, Stoops, and Neidermeyer are among the first string of our squad; Henrie seems to be a fixture at left guard on the 'Varsity. He played the whole of the Penn and W. & J. games, and did stellar-role work. Brother Allan Brooks, our last year's fullback and crack punter, is assisting in the coaching of the scrubs. He has been out of the game since the Wash-Lee battle of last year, due to injuries sustained at that time.

We expect to give a house party and informal dance the last of the present week. We are looking forward to this event with great anticipation.

May the coming year be one of infinite success to Sigma Phi Epsilon. Visiting brothers are always welcome.

*Paul R. Wyckoff,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

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## COLORADO ALPHA

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### UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

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**Meets every Monday evening at 7:15 at Chapter House  
1135 Eleventh Street, Boulder, Colorado.**

At the beginning of our new year Colorado Alpha extends to the grand chapter and all sister chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon, the most hearty greetings, and hopes that success will be theirs thruout the year.

Things are still coming our way even more than when we were last heard of. We feel that we have begun our golden era.

About twenty of the old gang have returned and with them Brother Jack McFadden, not long ago, the "Pride of the Rockies"—for in his time, Jack was captain of three 'Varsity teams. We have with us also Brothers Davis & Beery of Kansas Alpha—Thanks, Kansas Alpha.

Colorado Alpha has rushed into activity. Brother Nelsh, last year's captain and probably a repeater, Brothers Victor and Wilbur Adams, and pledge Gregg are prized first-team men. Brother Brotts, last year's freshman captain, stands with them

as a valuable substitute at halfback. In the fall training camp, we find Brother Cline, running the short distance in almost no time. Carl says that he has a ten second man in pledge Fulghum, and we believe him. Brother Shaw is training hard at the weights to prevent pledge Hunt beating him. Then too pledge Sherman looks like a "first" man in the hurdles.

Since the Varsity has started baseball practice we have seen very little of Brothers Zimmerman, Sullivan, Burlingame and pledge Kane. They say that their services are absolutely necessary. The basket ball season, although not yet open, promises to net us more laurels, for Brothers Warner, Walker and Hunt are sure letter men. Then too, we expect to repeat last year's victory in the interfraternity basket ball tournament. Counting up we find over twelve letter men, which is not so bad.

Brother Cline is president of the associated students, and many of the brothers, including Brothers King, Cline, Crotk, Sullivan and Nelsh have been pledged to certain honorary societies.

Can you blame us for saying that this is our Golden Era? If it only keeps up—and it will for our pledges are the best ever.

In closing we wish to extend to all brothers a cordial invitation to visit us, at any time.

*R. J. McDonald, Jr.,  
Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
COLORADO ALPHA.

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## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA

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### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**Meets each Tuesday night at 7:00 p. m. at Chapter House, 3745 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

The school term at the University of Pennsylvania has just begun, but already Sigma Phi Epsilon is represented in many fields of endeavor.

The alleged "funny" paper of the college—"The Punch Bowl"—has become almost the property of Sigma Phi Epsilon; Editor-in-chief, Bro. Loyal Young Graham III; art editor, Bro. Paul Windom; business manager, Bro. Harry Thomas Huff. These men are interested in other phases of activity, however, and we can therefore excuse their horrible jokes; Graham is an editor of the extremely literary "Red and Blue", and is a member of the Friar's Senior Society; Windom dabbles in the dra-

matic, and plays a leading part in the Architectural show and in the French play given by Le Cercle Francais, of which he is a member; Huff is vice president of the Christian Association, and of the Wharton Association, and is a member of Friars Senior Society.

Brothers Wooley and Littleton, as captain and manager of the wrestling team respectively, are going to call out their squad of huskies in a few days, and Pennsylvania hopes to do great things at the inter-collegiates at Princeton this year.

Musical clubs are already under way and, as usual, Bro. Billy Sistare is a soloist. Supporting him in the chorus are Wooley and Littleton, while Bro. Coddling is once more playing the mandolin.

One of our new men, Ed. Law, has just won a first prize in the architectural competition, conducted by the Young Artist's Association of New York. Ed is one of the hardest workers around college, and is a leading member of the Architectural Society.

Brother Purdy is busy arranging a good schedule for the swimming team, of which he is assistant manager. Brother Foster, who has steered more races in the last four years than any other coxswain in the country, again hopes to do his share towards helping the crew to win.

The sophomores are all getting down to work, each major sport claiming one for the competition for management. Freshmen are denied us the first term by the ruling of the inter-fraternity council, of which Bro. Littleton is president. When the time comes, however, we'll be there, just as we were last year, and the little red button will be worn by some of the best of the 1919 men. Selection of men is always a hard thing. Nobody wants to be a snob, but it is absolutely essential that men be of the proper stuff and caliber to best serve their university, and thus best serve their fraternity. So-called "diamonds in the rough" are very probably all right for some fraternities—those that can afford to fill up their lists with dead-wood, by virtue of their age and numbers of members. But we are a young fraternity, and always will be a young fraternity; and as such, we have to be sure that every individual member is going to put forth his maximum effort to serve his college. In that way are we going to grow and be known and be recognized, and in that way only. I know that our brothers in all the really big universities of the country—Cornell, Michigan, California, etc.—have the same tremendous fight to cope with the old and established fraternities, that we here at Pennsylvania have. We don't mind the fight—competition of the stiffest kind is necessary for growth

—but we do mind when the best of our rushees ask us—and very pertinently, too—what we are doing in other colleges, to have to show them an activity book of our chapters in which only about one quarter of the chapters are really doing big things for their respective colleges. So, what I am taking the liberty of asking our sister chapters to do, is to endeavor to get the hardest workers and the most representative men; and once getting them, to see that they work.

And one other thing we ask all the chapters who really have their fraternity at heart; do stand with us against the policy of taking chapters in unknown colleges, whether they be large or small, and in colleges where there are no national fraternities excepting one or two of those of the most decadent sort.

We close by wishing all our brothers the most successful year yet, and a hearty welcome to every brother, undergraduate or alumni, who may visit Philadelphia.

*Arthur Littleton,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

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## VIRGINIA DELTA

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### WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE

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**Meets every Sunday at 2 p. m. at Chapter House, Williamsburg, Virginia.**

On September 16th William & Mary opened for her 222nd session. We prophesy that the present session can only follow the previous ones and be one of prosperity. We cannot predict a very great football season because of the loss of many of last year's team. We find Brothers Games and Addington among that number. The chapter is represented on this year's squad by Brothers Woodson, Taylor, and Wilson.

The chapter started its new year with six old men back. Those who returned are Brothers Woodson, Williamson, Mapp, Waddill, Combs, and James. Those who failed to return are Brothers Games, Addington, Redden, Richardson, Smith, Frey, and Lupton. All are teaching school except Brother Lupton, who has entered the Law school of George Washington University. He will be affiliated with D. C. Alpha, and we can only wish that he will prove as good a brother for them as he has been for us.

We have already four initiates to introduce to the fraternity: Julius Franklin Wilson, B. S. '19, Isle of Wight, Va.; Robert

Cowles Taylor, B. S. '19, Newport News, Va.; Forest Clayton Graves, A. B. '19, Fredericksburg, Va.; Magnus Muse Lewis, B. S., '19, Fredericksburg, Va. They were initiated September 25th.

Brothers Wilson, Taylor, and Graves were in the Academy last year and were brought over as pledges. They are all good students and the former two are out for the football team where they show considerable promise. Brother Graves entered into the fraternity work early by bringing Brother Lewis to us. Before entering William & Mary Brother Lewis attended Fredericksburg College and Virginia Military Institute. He comes to us well recommended and should prove a good man for the chapter.

Before closing we wish to acknowledge visits from Brothers Lupton and Redden as well as Addington, who will probably spend every week end with us since he is located only a few miles from Williamsburg. We also wish to extend greetings and best wishes for the success of each chapter and their alumni.

Fraternally,  
VIRGINIA DELTA.

*E. Ralph James,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## NORTH CAROLINA BETA

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### NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS

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**Meets every Sunday at 2 p. m. in Chapter Rooms, 1911 Dorm, West  
Raleigh, N. C.**

The beginning of the new year finds us with fourteen members back, including Brother P. N. Howard, who was out last year. We are indeed glad to have "Tubby" with us again, for his sociable ways were greatly missed. Prospects for the coming year are bright, and if all goes well we should have several new men added to our number.

Brother Winston is representing the S. P. E.'s on the 'Varsity football team for the third consecutive year—this time as captain. He is an optimist, and says that we have a team that will play our schedule well. Brother Johnson, last year's star first baseman, is assistant football manager. Brother Artz, another of last year's stars, has been compelled to stop on account of an injured knee.

We were glad to have with us at one of our regular meetings Brother Weatherly, of North Carolina Gamma. Brother Daw-

son, an alumnus of this chapter, was also a pleasant visitor to us recently.

North Carolina Beta wishes our sister chapters a successful rushing season and a prosperous year.

*A. J. Boyd,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

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## OHIO ALPHA

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### OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

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**Meets every Monday evening at 10 o'clock at Chapter apartments,  
233½ N. Main St., Ada, Ohio.**

For the first time this year we take the greatest pleasure in sending greetings to all sister chapters in Sigma Phi Epsilon. Ohio Alpha enters upon the duties of the new school year with fine prospects for a successful season in both college and fraternity activities. With fifteen old men and fourteen pledges with us, we feel that we have the number and quality of men to make things come our way.

It is too early to make a safe prediction about the football team. However, brothers Fyke (captain), Gardner, Honsinger, Rothermund and Grove are practicing daily and all look good. Brother "Bugs" Raymond, of Ohio Gamma, is coaching our team again this year. In the first game of the season played with Miami University, at Oxford, brothers Fyke and Gardner were seriously injured. This will materially lessen the "Sig" representation, for the time being at least, on the team, but we hope for the best in way of their speedy recovery.

Brother "Slim" Allen just received his commission of Lieutenantancy in the O. N. U. Battalion.

Our new chapter house is well on the road to completion and barring unforeseen delays we will be comfortably housed in our new home by the last of October. At present we are located in apartments on Main street but though fairly comfortable, we cannot feel natural or settled.

Since our last letter we have initiated the following men and now take the opportunity of introducing them to the fraternity at large as being worthy of our brotherhood: E. T. Boyle, C. E. '16, Gouverneur, N. Y.; W. J. Dawson, E. E. '16, Bath, N. Y.; T. B. Bartlette, A. B. '17, Nashville, Tenn.; O. Francis, M. E. '17, Elida, Ohio; W. B. Bedell, E. E. '17, Haverstraw, N.

Y.; C. M. Miller, C. E. '17, Pittsfield, Mass.; E. L. Allen, Music & A. M. '16, Monmouth, Ill.; W. L. Dormand, LL. B. '17, Spring Valley, Ill. These were initiated September 30, 1915.

We are glad to have with us brother E. D. Bair, of Ohio Delta, who intends to complete his LL. B. course at Ohio Northern.

We are justly proud of the "baby" of the family, Pennsylvania Eta, and welcome her heartily to our circle. In closing, Ohio Alpha extends to all sister chapters her best wishes for success in their every endeavor.

*Marvin R. Shaw,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
OHIO ALPHA.

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## INDIANA ALPHA

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### PURDUE UNIVERSITY

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**Meets every Monday at 7 p. m. in the Chapter House, 102 Thornell St., West LaFayette, Indiana.**

Having quieted down from the excitement over entrance examinations and such matters, we pause to extend greetings to our brothers.

Most of the brothers were here, ready to take up their duties by September 8, and thus everything was running smoothly when classes started on September 15.

We have just finished a very successful rush season; seven men being pledged. We also have in view several other men of the proper calibre.

The football season has opened with a rush. Brother Longenecker will probably be the Varsity fullback this fall. He was kept out of the Wabash game, October 2, because of a sprained foot.

Pledge Davis is on the freshman football squad and is showing up in fine form. Brothers Zeigler and Clark are out for positions on the junior team.

The track men are also being put into shape. Brothers Hinkle and Newman are trying for the cross-country team, while Brother DePew is working in the dashes. Brother Hosselman is trying for Varsity yell leader.

Brothers Rybolt and Graeter are on the staff of the "Exponent", the school paper.



The rest of the brothers are working hard on their studies with a grim determination to maintain Indiana Alpha's scholastic standing.

In closing, we hope that this may be a most successful and enjoyable year for all.

*B. F. Clark,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
INDIANA ALPHA.

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## NEW YORK ALPHA

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### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

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**Meets every Friday at 7:30 p. m. at the Chapter House 310 Walnut Place,  
Syracuse, N. Y.**

New York Alpha sends greetings to all the chapters.

The new college year has started prosperously with us. Though we miss our strong men of the 1915 class and two 1917 men, we had the unusual good fortune of seeing every one of our twelve men in the class of 1918 back in college. Brother Gordon Hoople, '15, is back as a freshman in the College of Medicine.

Things went along finely from the first, and New York Alpha has just concluded one of the peppiest and most successful rushing seasons in its history. We have the pin on twelve men, every one of whom we feel sure will make true brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon. A unique feature of our rushing season was the fact that we pledged four men who are brothers of active members.

In activities Brother Douglass, '16, editor of the "Daily Orange" has galvanized new life into that publication. Brothers Guard, '18, and Henry, '18, are on the associate staff. Brother Kent, '18, is trying out for assistant business manager; Pledges R. Guard, '19, and W. Merriam, '19, are out for the editorial staff, and Pledge Storey, '19, for the business staff. If everything goes well this year we should be able to move the "Daily Orange" office down to the chapter house next fall.

Brother Collins, '16, has been elected president of the University Chorus. Brother Gilmore, '17, is assistant leader of the University Band.

Brother Sutton, '16, as president of the University Y. M. C. A., has just concluded an unparalleled campaign for membership in the association.

Brother J. S. Brown, '17, is secretary of the upper-class debate club. Brother Henry, '18, is president of the sopomore

debate club. Pledge Griffin, '19, is president of the Freshman debate club. The trials for Varsity and freshman debate teams to meet Yale are now in progress. Brother Henry has survived the semi-final trials for Varsity. Pledge Griffin has been retained for the final trials for the freshman team.

Pledge Kolbe, '19, is out for freshman football. He is playing end on the 1919 team, and showing up in a way that speaks well for his chances for Varsity next year.

On October 20 the annual freshman party was held. Thirty-seven couples attended, and the dance was a great success in every respect.

This year, for the first time in the history of New York Alpha, we are to have second semester initiation, each man being required to pass up four-fifths of his credit hours in the first semester.

With best regard to all the brothers in all the chapters, we are,

Yours in the bond of Sigma Phi Epsilon,  
*Leland B. Henry,* NEW YORK ALPHA.  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## VIRGINIA EPSILON

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### WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY

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**Meets every Saturday at 10:30 p. m. at Chapter House, 19 Letcher Ave.,  
Lexington, Virginia.**

Having spent a pleasant vacation a great many of the brothers of Virginia Epsilon have returned to take up the work of the ensuing year.

Rushing season is on and at present we can report three pledges and a bright outlook for many more. We were very pleasantly surprised on returning to find Brothers Samuel Austin Kendall, Benjamin Haines Rigg and Allen Carlysle Jones of Pennsylvania Epsilon, Lehigh University with us showing their willingness to cast lots with us in the Sunny South and we are very glad to have them with us.

Brothers Malloy and Loughran spent last week with us having decided to stop over before motoring to New York where they will begin their Journalistic career on the "New York Herald".

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon will be sorry to hear that brother Geo. S. Morrison, B. S. a graduate of last year was

badly injured in an automobile wreck near his home in Petersburg a few days ago, however we are happy to relate that hopes are held out for his speedy recovery.

We have five candidates for degrees this year over the three who took degrees last year and stood third in our studies of all the fraternities in college.

Brother S. D. Shore received his monogram for crew work and was also elected to the crew committee for this year. He is out for football and from present indications will make the Varsity subs at least.

News was received a few weeks ago of the marriage of brother Caminero in Cuba, where he is at the head of the Cuban government construction work on the coast. All brothers join in congratulations.

Brother Blackford, last year's honor man who received a scholarship in chemistry, is acting as assistant professor in that department. At a meeting of the senior law class brother Jeff Walter was elected president by a large majority. Brother Mann and Brother Richard Loughran of last year's law class have taken up the practice of their chosen professions. Brother Thomas, B. A. of last year, has gone to Columbia to take up journalism.

We have back from last year's men Brothers Geo. D. Shore, Jeff Walter, E. M. Calloway, H. J. Blackford, S. D. Shore and V. L. Page.

Brothers Shore and Page have formed a partnership for the practice of law at Tucker Hall, Lexington, Virginia.

Hoping this will find all brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon successful in any activities which they may take up, and a record year,

*G. S. Morrison,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Faternally,  
VIRGINIA EPSILON.

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## VIRGINIA ZETA

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### RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE

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**Meets every Saturday night at 11 p. m. at the Chapter House, Ashland Virginia.**

Virginia Zeta, at the opening of the 1915-16 session, has eight brothers back; Green, Rorer, C. R. Savage, Dugger, Lankford, Brittingham, Peake and Harper. Our prospects for the year are very bright, indeed.

The "never fail" spirit of old Sigma Phi Epsilon is very much in evidence at the beginning. We have pledged and initiated four of the best men on the campus, and wish to introduce to the fraternity at large: Wallace Bruce Bowman, B. A. '18, Petersburg, Va.; Willis Jenkins Richardson, B. A. '18, Martinsville, Va.; Thomas Nelson Woodfin, B. A. '19, Ashland, Va.; Brantley Parkes Savage, Special, '19, Onley, Va. These were initiated on September 25, 1915.

Brother Bowman is a sophomore and is a good student and literary man. He made Chemistry I, which is said to be the hardest class in college, with the greatest ease, and during the past summer was an assistant in the chemical laboratory at Dupont's Powder Plant at City Point. We feel that in Brother Bowman we have one of the best men at Randolph-Macon.

Brother Richardson comes to us with the reputation as a scholar, having won a scholarship at Martinsville High School.

Brother Woodfin is known both as a student and an athlete. He was a star in football, basket ball and baseball at Ashland High and bids fair to win a place on the 'Varsity eleven this fall.

Brother Savage comes to us from that place where Sigma Phi Epsilon holds sway, the eastern shore of Virginia, and we are sure that he will keep up the high reputation which we already have in that section.

Football season has opened and old R.-M. is going to put a team in the field that is going to give all of the others a run for the bacon. We will be represented on the team by Brother Brittingham, who starred for us last session in basket ball and baseball, and by Brother Woodfin. Brother Brittingham is also on the Y. M. C. A. cabinet for this year.

Brother Rorer is business manager of the "Yellow Jacket," and Brother Dugger has been elected historian of the junior class.

In conclusion, we would say that our chapter house is on Railroad avenue, and should any brother chance to wander to the town of Ashland, the doors are always open and we will promise him a hearty welcome at Virginia Zeta.

*Joe H. Harper,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
VIRGINIA ZETA.

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**GEORGIA ALPHA**

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**GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY**

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**Meets every Friday at 8 p. m. in Chapter House, 14 W. North Ave.,  
Atlanta, Georgia.**

'Tis with a feeling of mingled pleasure and regret that Georgia Alpha again opens another year in her history. Pleasure because of their anticipation of a year filled to the brim with work intermingled with some of the lighter, frivolous and more pleasant things. Regrets due to the loss of four of our best men by graduation. These good brothers have gone out to do mighty battle in the commercial world and with them goes our very best wishes.

Every man who did not graduate last year, with the exception of Brother Hammond, returned to school. This gives us a good strong chapter to start on. We also have as a transfer Brother E. H. Robinson of Virginia Alpha who we feel sure will make us a good man.

Brother S. R. Hammond will not return to school until after Christmas. He is at present with the New York Central Railroad at Albany, N. Y.

Rushing season is well under way. We have secured eleven pledges and we hope to introduce most of these to the fraternity at large in the next Journal.

Football at Tech. has started in earnest. We have a number of brothers out for the team. Brothers Beard and Matthews are on the Varsity squad, while Brothers Vaughn and Lovell hold forth among the scrubs.

Brothers Harris and Yopp are making good in the band, Brother Harris being manager for this year. We also have one pledge who is making good in the band.

Brother Eugene Armena, N. C. Gamma and also of Virginia Eta is living with us in our chapter house while he is attending the medical department of M. E. University. It gives us great pleasure to announce that Brother Armena has one foot firmly planted in the "water bucket".

The Glee Club Dramatic, and Mandolin Clubs will have their tryout soon and we feel sure that we will be well represented in each of these organizations.

At an election held since school began, Brother R. L. Francis, Jr. was elected assistant manager of the track team. This will make him manager during his senior year.

We have had a number of pleasant visits from loyal Sigma Phi Epsilons during the past summer. Among those who vis-

ited us were Nickerson, Alabama Alpha (who is now located in Atlanta); Hunnicutt, Virginia Zeta; Fred Hocker, Virginia Epsilon and others.

Our alumni to visit us recently have been E. D. Ivy, Tom Lewis, Bill Treadaway, R. M. Harris, Tom Jones, Duncan McLaurin, Elwin Tomlinson, Wm. Court, M. L. Rahner, and S. A. Gayle.

Our "latch string" is always out to any brothers visiting in Atlanta and they will do us a great injustice by not stopping with us when they come through.

*R. R. Yopp,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
GEORGIA ALPHA.

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## DELAWARE ALPHA

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### DELAWARE STATE COLLEGE

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**Meets every Wednesday at 7 p. m. in Chapter House.**

In our first letter of the college year we extend best wishes to all our sister chapters for the ensuing year.

Just after college closed in June we heard of the horrible death of Brother Elmer G. Brown. Brother Brown graduated in 1913 in the course of Arts and Science, and immediately accepted a position with the du Pont Powder Company at Beloit, Canada. He was killed in an explosion of dynamite. During his four years in college and the years following, Brother Brown proved himself to be a cheerful worker and a man with high ideals. Possessing an admirable personality, he was manly, noble—an ideal Sigma Phi Epsilon in every sense of the word—and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

By graduation we lost Brothers Adams, Weaver, Torbert, Lindsay, Wise, Gibney, Heyd, and Brown. Brothers Ellegood, and Creadick did not return to college. Fifteen of our men returned to resume their studies. They are Brothers Buck, Haley, Martin, Groff, Mulholland, Brayshaw, Thomson, Veasey, Swing, Hoey, Wheeler, Stayton, Marks, Cleaver, Bowen and Smith.

Our rushing season is nearly at a close and we hope our sister chapters have had as great a success as ourselves. At a special meeting on Tuesday, September 28, we initiated eleven men, and we take great pleasure in introducing the new brothers to the fraternity at large: Herbert F. Weldin, '19, C. E., Wilmington, Delaware; William Stewart, Jr., '19, Agriculture, Wilmington, Delaware; Robert James Barkley, '19, E. E., Clayton,

Delaware; Francis E. Proctor, '19, Chem. E., Wilmington, Delaware; James Williard Humphrey, '19, Chem. E., Wilmington, Delaware; William Morris Pierson, '19, A. & S., Wilmington, Delaware; James Petheram Truss, '19, A. & S., Wilmington, Delaware; Jay Robinson, '19, Chem. E., Wilmington, Delaware; Stewart Alexander Hamilton, '19, E. E., Frederica, Delaware; Robert Alexander Reid, '19, Agriculture, Germantown, Pa.; William Hayes Wallace, '19, Engineering (unspecified), Wilmington, Delaware. These were initiated on September 28, 1915.

Our prospects in athletics are extremely bright. The freshmen class, about one hundred in number, contains a lot of good material. This year's football squad is one of the largest in years. Brother Groff, for two years Varsity end, is sure of his old position. Brother "Chet" Smith is making a strong bid for a halfback position. Brothers Weldin, Stewart, Wallace, and Reid are also showing up well. Without a doubt Sigma Phi Epsilon will be well represented on the team.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is also well represented in other student activities. Brother Martin was elected editor-in-chief of the "Review", our weekly college paper; Brother Brayshaw is a member of the editorial staff; Brother Mulholland is business manager; and Brother Wheeler is advertising manager. For the third time, Brother Martin was elected director of the college orchestra of which Brothers Marks, Groff, Haley, Humphrey, and Pierson are members. At a recent meeting of the freshmen class Brother Weldin was elected president, Brother Proctor was elected vice president, and Brother Humphrey was elected secretary.

Since our last reunion large steps have been taken toward our new home. We have purchased a large lot in one of the best sections of the town. We are holding off building operations until the board of trustees shall decide about the college campus.

Wishing the best of success to our sister chapters, we are

*James E. Brayshaw,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
DELAWARE ALPHA.

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## VIRGINIA ETA

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### UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

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**Meets each Tuesday night at 7:15 p. m. at the Chapter House on Fourteenth St., University, Virginia.**

As is usually the custom at this time of the year, Virginia Eta is as busy as a bee rushing and we are proud to say that

even at this early stage of the game we have pledged four of the most likely goats on the campus. Our prospects this year are the brightest that we have had since the chapter was organized; although we feel keenly the loss of brother Jim Gillette who was our star Varsity end for three years and his place among us will be hard to fill. Brothers Maury Hughes, Rodney Berry and Gordon Fowlkes also failed to return to the fold this year and in these we have lost three of our most popular brothers. Also we are very sorry to say that brother Arthur Triplett, "Big Trip", will not be with us, since he has begun to practice his chosen profession in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. But in the place of our absent brothers, providence has indeed been kind to Virginia Eta for Brothers Joel Flood, of Virginia Epsilon, and Jack Kennedy of Virginia Alpha have cast their lot with us, by entering the law department of the University. We are also happy to have back with us brother Hugh Murrell who remained out of school last year. Our chapter roll is the largest we have had in years, and with our new home, which by the way is one of the prettiest in school, we are confident of a great year for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Now as to who is who in college activities: Brother Flood is making a good showing with the football squad, and I might add that we have the best team in the history of the school as evidenced by the fact that we trimmed Yale 10 to 0. Brother Pat Calloway our Varsity pitcher is back with us and tossing the pill over in lively fashion in the fall baseball practice. We have some good athletic material in the bunch and with a little grooming there are going to be several stars developed before spring. Brother Jim Rooney is on the staff of "College Topics", our weekly magazine, and brother Hugh Murrell is assistant manager of the "Law Review". Brother McQue is one of the editors of the "Law Review", and Brother Fitchett is an interne at the University Hospital.

We wish to take this opportunity to write all brothers who should pass this way to make our home their headquarters and especially do we want the brothers on the visiting teams to let us know when they are coming and we will promise to meet them with a hearty welcome.

With best wishes, to all our sister chapters for a great and successful year,

Fraternally,  
VIRGINIA ETA.

*Rosser C. Forbes,*  
*Chapter Historian.*



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ARKANSAS ALPHA

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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

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Meets every Monday night in Chapter House, 7 o'clock, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

After the summer vacation Arkansas Alpha again sends greetings to all her sister chapters and takes pleasure in wishing them all as prosperous a year as she herself expects to have.

At present football is the chief feature of interest at the U. of A. Two games have already been played and won this year by the University and we are in hopes of many more victories before the season is over. Arkansas Alpha is again ably represented on the team by brothers Ford Dubbs and captain Jake Cook.

The official pledge day as set aside by the Pan-Hellenic Council, occurred September 25. On the night before, Arkansas held her annual smoker and big feed with which we have always ended up our rushing season. Suffice it to say that we came out with flying colors, having pledged seven out of eight men bid.

Two of our pledges are already out for the glee club and two for the debating team while several are looking forward to making the baseball team in the spring.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large: Dane Henry Markle, E. E., '18, Fayetteville, Arkansas; James Bourland Templeton, C. E., '18, Fort Smith, Arkansas; Charles C. Willey, B. S. A., '18, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Holmes Adrienne Thurmond, C. E., '18, Shreveport, Louisiana; Paul Childers, B. S. A., '18, Fayetteville, Arkansas. These were initiated on June 10, 1915.

Our annual alumni banquet was held in Little Rock the 26th of June, a great number of the active members as well as the alumni being present. This banquet is held annually for the purpose of bringing all the brothers together and keeping them in touch with one another.

Brothers Clark, Stout, and Buckley, some of our alumni, visited us during the rushing season and were a great help in getting us started. We wish to thank them and at the same time extend to them and all of our brothers a hearty welcome at any time they may see fit to visit us.

Fraternally,  
ARKANSAS ALPHA.

Roy E. Prothro,  
Chapter Historian.

**PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON**

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**LEHIGH UNIVERSITY**

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**Meets every Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., at the Chapter House, Third and Cherokee Streets, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.**

Pennsylvania Epsilon starts its ninth year as one of the most prosperous she has had. The house looked somewhat deserted the first few days but it is now carrying its full capacity and we have several on the waiting list.

Brothers Peterson, Baird, Smith, Butler, Clark and Wuchter were lost by graduation; Brothers Kendall, Jones and Rigg left to attend Washington and Lee and Brothers Ennis, Hill and Ammerman to enter the business world.

On the night of the 23rd of September, Pennsylvania Epsilon, what was left after the above departed, was very active and in consequence thereof she takes great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large as men worthy of our brotherhood: Samuel Boyd Downey 2nd, C. E., '18, York, Pennsylvania; Harold James Ruhf, Ch. E., '19, Brooklyn, New York; Warters Rice Warner, M. E., '19, Kenil, New Jersey; Grier Lloyd, M. E., '19, West Hazleton, Pennsylvania; George Clair Thomas, B. S., '19, Sunbury, Pennsylvania; Raymond Woodruff Ludlow, Bus., '19, Camden, New Jersey; James Anderson McComas, Ch. E., '19, Baltimore, Maryland; Charles Grafley Gilman, E. M., '19, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Edward Lay Tinker, E. E., '19, West Haven, Connecticut. These were initiated on September 23, 1915.

Brothers Thomas and Lloyd have reported for football and although not expected to displace the veterans of our Varsity are sure of a berth on the freshman team.

Brothers Ludlow, Gilman and Thomas are hot on the trail of the fresh. baseball team for our annual founder's day sports and we are certain that Sigma Phi Epsilon will be well represented at that time. Brother Ludlow has also reported for candidates for the "Brown and White".

Brothers Ruhf and Warner are track men of Prep. School fame, but the spring will bring forth the efforts of these men.

The music ability of the chapter reaches very near the hundred per cent mark. Brothers Barkley, Ruhf and Benscoter representing us in the clubs while our house orchestra consists of eight pieces.

Since the publication of our last letter Brother Ryon has been elected treasurer of the C. E. Society; Brother Alexander

has advanced to business manager of the "Brown and White" and elected treasurer of the Deutsche Verein and president of the Arts and Science Club. "Yours truly" has been elected assistant manager of "Lacrosse" and associate editor of the college annual, "The Epitome".

Brother Hogan is again a candidate for the rifle team and our confidence is with "Dutch".

We were more than happy to welcome visits from our Brothers Dr. C. M. Thomas of Pa. Beta, Thevenet of Ohio Alpha, Gunning of D. C. Alpha, and Peterson one of our '15 men.

At a recent meeting the following officers were installed: W. H. Alexander, L. B. Ryon Jr., H. O. Hogan, C. Roberts, F. E. Portz, F. L. Benscoter, W. O. Barkley, B. S. Derr.

Pennsylvania Epsilon wishes all her brothers the utmost success during the coming year and her sister chapters much prosperity.

Fraternally,

F. E. Portz,

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

*Chapter Historian.*

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## OHIO GAMMA

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### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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**Meets every other Monday evening, 7:00 p. m. at the Chapter House, 249 Sixteenth Ave., Columbus, Ohio.**

Have you noticed any change in Ohio Gamma's little ad? Yes, we pulled stakes at 1550 Neil and are now comfortably located at 249 Sixteenth avenue. In plain language, we moved, that is to say some of us did. The rest were conspicuous by their absence on moving day.

We wound up our social season, just before school closed with a brilliant dinner dance at the Hotel Elmont, Groveport, Ohio, in honor of six of the best men ever initiated into the sacred bond of Sigma Phi Epsilon—graduates of '15. They were namely Brothers Shriver, A. Brown, Horcher, Roedell, Herbst, Miles and Wellons. Their passing left an enormous gap to be filled. We of Ohio Gamma are proud of these men. They are all the sort of fellows that make good at any thing they tackle.

Brother A. Brown, just couldn't wait any longer so accordingly was quietly married to Miss Nelle Weaver of Circleville, Ohio. They are at home in Detroit, Michigan, where Brother Brown is chemist at the Dodge Brothers factory.

Brother Shriver spent most of the summer in Arkansas where he was prospecting for aluminum; Bro. Herbst is associated with the Jeffery Mfg. Co. of Columbus, Ohio; Bro. Roedell is associated with the Columbus Pharmica Co. of Columbus, Ohio, in the capacity of chemist; Bro. Horcher is practicing at his profession of D. of V. M. at Tellico Plains, Tenn. We expect him back soon, however, as he has also been struck amidship by a matrimonial torpedo.

Several days before school opened found our gang all "set" for a strenuous rushing season. As a result we have eleven freshman pledged all of sterling quality—the kind that will make good Sig. Eps. We were materially aided in our rushing by the return to school of Bros. Codner and Holliday.

Smokers, stag dinners and theatre parties have been in vogue since school started.

Saturday, October 16, we are scheduled for a dinner dance at the Hotel Hartman in honor of our pledges and alumni members. On that date Ohio State plays Illinois and since this is the big at home game of the year, quite a few of the "old boys" will be back. Judging from the press agent's dope it is going to be "some dance".

Of course Bro. Hobt is playing his usual bang-up game at right half for State. Bro. Holliday is also on the squad.

As predicted by Bro. Miles in his farewell letter of last year, we copped the Interfraternity cup. It is now conspicuously displayed on our parlor mantle and its going to be "some" job for anyone to remove it from its resting place.

Near the close of last semester Bro. Shriver was elected to Sigma Xi. Pop, while in school, made a brilliant record and rightfully earned the honor bestowed upon him.

Since our last letter we have been honored with visits from Bros. Frank Oistad of Ohio Alpha, H. R. Phillips of Virginia, and H. and W. Coleman of Kansas Alpha. Bros. Oistad and Phillips are connected with the Mt. Vernon Bridge Co. of Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Bros. H. & W. Coleman are engaging in advanced chautauqua work.

In conclusion Ohio Gamma sends sincere wishes for a highly successful year to each of her sister chapters.

Fraternally,  
OHIO GAMMA.

*J. C. Lewis,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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**VERMONT ALPHA**

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**NORWICH UNIVERSITY**

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**Meets every other Sunday at 2:00 p. m., in Chapter House, Northfield, Vermont.**

Now, at the beginning of the college year, Vermont Alpha again extends her greetings to all brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon—especially to the members of the “baby” chapter, Pennsylvania Eta.

Our pleasure at meeting once at the chapter house and “swapping tales and yarns of summer outings, was suddenly darkened by the receipt of the sad news that Brother Robert H. Wilson of the class of 1914 had been suddenly killed while inspecting the construction of a large dam in West Virginia. “Bruno” was well known to most of us and will always be remembered by all who knew him as a fine, manly and true fellow. He always took a great interest in his fraternity not only while in college but since graduation. Vermont Alpha has indeed suffered a great loss.

Norwich is in the midst of the rushing season and Sigma Phi Epsilon has a line on some fine fellows in the “rook” class. We believe in getting to the heart by way of the stomach; consequently our house is well filled every evening.

Our chapter has more than her share of men on the football team. We are represented by “Dutch” Boewe at halfback; “Hunker” Davis at tackle; and Hall at center. These men are not only holding their positions but are playing star games.

Brother Cedar has been elected editor-in-chief of the “War Whoop” our college annual, with brother Suter, circulation manager, and brothers Davis and Snelling associate editors. Brother Cedar is also assistant editor-in-chief of the “Reveille” the college paper. Brothers Snelling and Suter are associate editors.

Brother Creed who is an “expert rifleman is at Fort Ethan Allen trying out for the state rifle team of the National Guard.

At a recent meeting of the corps, Brother Davis was elected vice president of the athletic association by an overwhelming majority. Brother Creed holds the office of president, the greatest possible honor at Norwich.

Brother Hewitt who was away from college last year because of sickness, has entered the sophomore class.

Since our last letter we have initiated three men and take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large the following brothers: David Cedar, C. E., '17, Manchester, N. H.; Thomas

F. Keefe, C. E., '18, Millis, Mass.; Alexander G. Olsen, C. E., '18, Rockaway Beach, N. Y. These brothers have already shown themselves to be men who will help raise the standing of our chapter.

Our chapter roll now, at the beginning of the year is thirteen which is a good number for a starter.

Brothers Dunham '14 and Bennett '15 have made frequent calls at the house and we were pleasantly surprised to have Brother Lynde '11 with us last Sunday.

Northfield is somewhat isolated from other chapters but that makes us all the more anxious to have any active or alumni brother drop in and see us any time. With best wishes for a prosperous college year.

*Richard M. Parker,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
VERMONT ALPHA.

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## ALABAMA ALPHA

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### ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

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**Meeting held every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.**

Alabama Alpha, on the verge of what appears to be her golden era, again greets her sister chapters.

Twenty men have returned to work for Sigma Phi Epsilon and Auburn. Everyone is ready for work and has begun with that well-known Sigma Phi Epsilon spirit. Only two of our men, expected to return, are missing. They are Brothers Phillips and Steenhuis. Brother Phillips is a promising athlete and Brother Steenhuis was a member of the Glee Club. The latter expects to return later in the year.

The main thing at Auburn at present is football. Auburn hopes to have another successful year under the leadership of Brothers Ridez and Howle, who are captain and manager respectively. Brother Ridez will be back at his old position as full-back. Brother Robinson, who was sub-center last season, is expected to hold that position regularly this year although he has very much competition for the place. We have Brothers Blanchard, Saunders and Guess on the "scrub" team, playing at quarterback, half back and guard respectively.

The rushing season at Auburn has now ended with Alabama Alpha getting her share of the good men. There was much opposition but with her past record and her bright prospects of the future as a drawing card, she was able to land six good pledges.

On the "Glomerata" board—the "Glomerata" is our annual—we have Brother Carter as business manager and Brother Wood as art editor.

Out of the eighteen officers appointed to fill vacancies in the corps of cadets, three were brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon. Brother Wood was the first on the list of lieutenants and Brother Webb was appointed junior color sergeant. Brother Warren was also promoted to a sergeant.

Auburn has a record enrollment and our chapter is growing in proportion. With twenty men returned and six good pledges as our foundation we hope to build a record chapter.

The opening dances will begin on October 8th. Although our chapter is not giving a dance this year, we will have a goodly number to attend them.

In the band we have Brother Bidez as assistant bandmaster and Brother Whitfield with his cornet. Brother Stewart also will be among the musicians with his baritone.

In the class elections Alabama Alpha obtained two officers. Brother Blanchard was elected to the junior board of the "Orange and Blue",—our college weekly. Brother McKay was picked by his classmates to keep the class historical records.

We wish to introduce to our sister chapters, Brother H. S. Price of Huntsville, Alabama. He was initiated on October 2nd. Brother Price, though a Freshman last year, was a 'Varsity pitcher. By not losing a S. I. A. A. game he led Auburn's pitching staff. He is expected to be a mainstay on the pitching staff this year.

Brother Bidez who was president of the glee club last year will certainly be among the "songsters" again. "Caruso", as he is called, has been with the glee club several years and will not overlook that opportunity this, his last year.

Extending to all sister chapters our most hearty wishes for a very prosperous year, we are

Fraternally,  
ALABAMA ALPHA.

*J. J. Warren,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA

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### TRINITY COLLEGE

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Meets every Tuesday evening in the Chapter Rooms, 306 Alspaugh Hall,  
at 7:00 o'clock, Durham, North Carolina.

North Carolina Gamma sends greetings to her sister chapters and hopes this year may be a banner year in every department.

We start the new year with nine old men back. Bros. Evans, Shore, Kanipe, Bond and Davenport took their A. B.'s, and Brother Fuller graduated with honors in the law department. Bro. Fuller has gone to Harvard, to continue his law studies. Bros. Hester and Crowell failed to return this fall.

Although we greatly miss these men, we have every reason to feel encouraged, for the first of the year brought Bro. Nash Legrand to Trinity's law department.

In athletics we hope to be well represented. Athletics have just begun, but already Bro. Nicholson is represented on the class teams. We greatly miss Bros. Kanipe, Shore, and Bond in this line.

In the social and literary world, we are there with the "goods".

We are well represented among the secret societies. Bro. Hambrick is a member of the Red Friars, while both Bro. Hambrick and Bro. Nicholson represent us in the Tombs. Bro. St. John is on the governing board of the annual.

North Carolina Gamma is very sorry to announce the death of Bro. Clifton Pitts. Bro. Pitts was initiated here in 1914 and his sudden death was a surprise to all.

Our prospects for the coming year are of the best and we foresee a full and successful year for North Carolina Gamma.

In closing we extend to each and every member of Sigma Phi Epsilon invitation to stop over and taste of true Southern hospitality.

Fraternally,  
NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

O. D. Smith,  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA

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### DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

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**Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:15 in Chapter Rooms, Bridgeman Block, Hanover, New Hampshire.**

Another college year has begun, and the returning brothers of New Hampshire Alpha are already looking forward to a big year for Sigma Phi Epsilon at Dartmouth. We are rather disappointed at the fact that we are not in a house of our own this fall, and especially so since we lost out by so small a margin. However, the house is now an assured fact, and we sincerely



believe that the beginning of another academic year will find New Hampshire Alpha located in her chapter house.

Three new members were taken into the chapter last spring near the close of the college year, and New Hampshire Alpha takes pleasure at this time in presenting to the fraternity at large Bartlett Chauncey Shackford, B. S., '17, Newton, Massachusetts; Harold Smith Walker, B. S., '17, Lynn, Massachusetts; Ralph Andrew Wells, B. S., '17, West Newton, Massachusetts.

Brother Shackford is a member of both the college band and orchestra, and brother Walker has lately accepted the position of business manager of "The Jack 'o Lantern", the college magazine of wit and humor.

Brother "Hunk" Stillman, '17, was elected one of six on the "Aegis" board (The "Aegis" is the Junior yearbook here at Dartmouth), and at a meeting of the athletic council in June brother Stillman was also chosen to act as assistant manager of the Varsity tennis team for the year 1915-16.

At the annual meeting of the chapter in May the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: R. A. Brown, '16; B. J. Eastman, '16; W. H. McKenzie, '16; H. D. Stillman, '17; V. C. Smith, '17; G. L. Richardson, '17; D. C. Bliss, Jr., '18, and W. L. Brundy, '18.

Of the thirteen brothers who graduated last June we are glad to see three back with us for another year: Brother "Jack" Johnson, who is taking up the second year's work in the Tuck School of Administration and Finance; brother "Buster" Sawyer, who is continuing his studies in the medical school; and brother "Al" Norton, who is doing graduate work in German and English.

Sigma Phi Epsilon was represented in the honor roll last spring among the seniors by brother "Zip" Coon, brother "Buster" Sawyer, brother "Chaunce" Hulbert, and brother "Al" Norton who won departmental honors in German.

Brothers "Dan" Dinsmoor, and "Chuck" Dudley—both 1916—have brought credit to themselves and their fraternity by being admitted at the beginning of their senior year to the society of Phi Beta Kappa.

Brothers "Bart" Shackford, '17, and "Bill" Woleben, '18, were members of the second honor group, and brothers "Bob" Brown, '16, and John McDonough, '18, were both in the third honor group.

We are glad to welcome back brothers "Doc" Noyes and "Jim" Langley who have not been with us this past year. Brother "Casey" Bevan, Massachusetts Agricultural College, ex-'17, who has stayed out of college a year, has now entered Dartmouth with

the class of 1919, and is showing up well on the freshman football team. "Casey" is a "husky" lad, and we have a right to expect much of him as an athlete during his course here.

Brother "Ben" Eastman came back September 2 for football practice. He seems to be one of the logical candidates for an end position on the varsity. He has already played in several games, and we hope at the end of the season to see him wearing one of the much-coveted "D's".

On September 25, the Massachusetts Aggies played Dartmouth at Hanover, and brothers Mattoon, Cushing, Hagar, and Harrocks of Massachusetts Alpha came along to witness the game. We were very glad of a visit from these brothers, and wish some of the other nearby-chapters would test our hospitality occasionally.

Brother "Walt." Daley, '14, and brother Ed. Buffum, '13, each spent a few days with us this fall. Brother Daley has a position with the western Electric Company in Boston.

Dartmouth has again an open rushing season—a season which we believe will be favorable to our chapter here. We already have six pledges of whom we are justly proud, and we expect that by February 20th, when we initiate, we will be able to introduce to the sister chapters in Sigma Phi Epsilon the best delegation ever taken into New Hampshire Alpha.

With best wishes for a successful year to all Sigma Phi Epsilons.

*Victor C. Smith,*  
*Chapter Historion.*

Fraternally,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

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### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA**

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#### **GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

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**Meets every Saturday night at 8:15 o'clock in the Chapter House at  
Fifteenth and R. Streets, Washington, D. C.**

In embarking upon the school year 1915-16, we cannot help but feel much gratified at the unusually favorable conditions which present themselves. It has been our misfortune in prior years to find our membership seriously depleted through graduation, and particularly to have a number of house men leave us to bend our hardest efforts to secure others to fill their rooms. This fall, however, we are in the exceptional situation of having every room in the house occupied, and an active membership only slightly

affected by graduation. In reflecting upon the situation last fall, when the startling number of ten or thereabout had felt their arrival at the appointed time and plunged themselves into matrimonial ties, the practical effect of which is necessarily to stay more and more away from the fraternity house, we are glad to think how little of such havoc we have had to contend with this year, and our cheerfulness and optimism grows more and more lively.

Many of our boys managed to get home for the summer, several of them taking long trips to do so. Of course, they return with all sorts of stories of wild experiences, most of which are discounted by the vast majority of us. Nevertheless we realize what a genuine pleasure it has been for them to get home, and we are glad for their sakes. They quite generally have taken on a "there-never-was-such-a-time" air, which grates a little on the nerves of those who were required to remain in Washington, bake in the heat, and content themselves with three-dollar excursions to nearby resorts. For these unfortunates Brother Hamack organized a camp, but nobody ever reached the camp. Brother Elkins journeyed to his far off Montana home for the first time since his coming to Washington. He lives a hundred miles from the railroad, and just managed to get there, on account of the muddy roads, even though he utilized every means of transportation known to man. He also speaks of a colony of mosquitoes which he encountered with considerable bitterness. Brothers Bowen ("Doc") and Merryman, were able to get away together, "Doc" going to Denver and Merryman to St. Joseph. I am informed that Brother Bowen's trip embraced the Frisco and San Diego Fairs. It was a relief to all of us to have the Doctor grasp his opportunity for a much needed recreation. He has been pursuing a dental course at school under the most adverse conditions, finding it necessary to work incessantly and laboriously in the infirmary throughout the summer, and there were many grave fears of the impairment of his health. Brother Merryman is one of Missouri's favorite sons, and it is safe to say as a rational deduction from the numerous photographs exhibited by him, that his reception in the old home town was as great as Champ Clark's on the occasion of his daughter's wedding. One morning there was a noticeable absence of pro-German talk at the breakfast table. It was established later that Brother Foster's room was vacant. Upon inquiry at his place of business by one who had no knowledge of the two previous facts, it was found from unimpeachable authority that he was on leave. This vast preponderance of evidence led some of our lawyers to conclude that he had departed, but knowing his adroitness after

dark, nobody dared speculate as to his whereabouts. Tension was relieved by a communication from Boston, hinting of a wonderful sea trip with his clever accomplice, Brother Burgess. Brother Johnson was caught by Brothers Deutermann and Speare at Piney Point, the cynosure of many wondering feminine eyes. Brothers Deutermann and Speare were themselves caught several days later in their bare feet on the board walk at North Beach in the early morning. Brother D'Aguiro is out for the dance this winter, and has been adapting his legs to the art throughout the summer. Brother Reavis has stuck around all summer—there's a reason. Brother Harsch has been on a coast survey cruise ever since graduation. Brother Garner had a fine trip back to Uvalde, Texas. He and Brother Sumner Hunter return with a world of energy for their winter studies. Brothers Hinton and Jeffery also went home, Brother Jeffery going to the state of Washington. Brother Hamack went back to Minneapolis, and Brother Kruger took a trip to Chicago.

While Brother Wilson has been with us all summer, it is probable that he will soon leave to practice law in Kentucky. Brother "Buck" Tanner has returned to Salt Lake City, where he intends to locate in the practice of law. Brother Barton has established himself as an attorney at Evansville, Indiana. The fraternity looks upon the departure of these three men with a deep realization of their earnest activity and good work in the chapter during their years in school, with a sense of pride in their particularly strong characters and personalities, with a feeling of sorrow for the loss of their companionship, and strong wishes for success in their profession. They were all honor men in school, and we know they will be notable figures in their respective communities.

We are especially happy to announce the good fortune of Brother St. Clair. He was married to Miss Lucy Basim of this city in June, and was since appointed assistant examiner in the Patent Office. There are many congratulations and good wishes for a successful future.

The registration in the university this year will probably be as large as ever. The opportunities for getting good men are promising, and the competition will perhaps be but slightly enhanced by the entrance of the local Alpha Beta Phi into Sigma Nu, they having always stood well in the regard of the school and the respect of the nationals. We have started things off with a smoker and dance, which will be followed by several others.

Fraternally yours,

*Daniel A. Connor,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

**KANSAS ALPHA****BAKER UNIVERSITY**

**Meets every Thursday at 8:00 p. m. at the chapter house, 602 Ninth St.,  
Baldwin, Kansas.**

At the beginning of this new school year Kansas Alpha wishes to extend her greetings to all sister chapters and wishes them as much success as we have reason to expect. We are working under a new set of rules this year, which permits us to pledge freshmen at any time and to initiate at the beginning of the second semester. We have taken advantage of this new ruling and have succeeded in pledging thirteen men, all of whom we are proud and whom we believe will be a credit to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Last year we lost brother Urner, who is attending California University; brother Stivers, who is attending Denver University; brother Davis, who is attending school at Boulder, Colorado; and brothers Armstrong and Coleman who graduated. This great loss was made up to some extent by the return of brother Wolf, who taught last year, brother Bunten, who attended a business college, and brother Clarage, who attended Oregon University. While at Oregon U., brother Clarage was the fastest man on Bill Hayword's famous track team.

We have started off in school activities with a rush this fall. At present we have seven men on the first football squad and prospects for more. Brother Walter Scott has been elected president of the University athletic association. We have representatives in every form of activities. Last semester we ranked first in scholarship among the fraternities.

School closed last year for us with the most successful "stag" banquet ever held by this chapter. There were about fifty in attendance at the evening program. The program was closed with the initiation of the men we are at this time glad to announce as new brothers: James Wayne Horn, Arts, '18, Stafford, Kansas; McKinley Akey, Arts, '18, Burlington, Kansas; Claude Edwin Main, Arts, '18, Stafford, Kansas; Norman B. Davis, Arts, '17, Kansas City, Kansas; Professor Rowland, B. Mus., '07, (Honorary), Baldwin, Kansas; Randall Grant Stivers, Arts, '18, Stafford, Kansas; George Hoefer, Arts, '17, Baldwin, Kansas. These men were initiated June 1, 1915.

*Claude Main,  
Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
KANSAS ALPHA.

**CALIFORNIA ALPHA**

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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

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**Meets every Monday at 7:15 p. m. in the Chapter House, 1711 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. Phone Berkeley 3088.**

California Alpha would like to leave the rush and tear of the Exposition Season for a few moments to extend her greetings and best wishes to all of the new brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon and to her sister chapters. During the passed few months we have had the pleasant opportunity of welcoming a great number of brothers and Alumni to the Exposition Zone.

The chapter house was greatly enlarged and renovated during the summer vacation. The living room was enlarged, refinished, indirect lighting system installed and a new fireplace built. It looks very nobby with a massive set of andirons and fireplace tools, which were presented by brother and Alumnus Donald English, from Cornell University, who payed us a very delightful visit during the summer months. The new dining room, which will accommodate about forty, gives a very tasty appearance with the new table and chairs, linen, dishes with monograms, silverware with coat of arms, stein shelf, fireplace and electric fixtures. A new kitchen and pantries were also added, as well as a sleeping porch on the second floor and two new rooms on the third floor.

A number of social events have come off during this first quarter of college. We have held two very enjoyable informal dances, a smoker, and many parties at the Exposition. These good times have turned out very profitable in the line of "rushing", for we were glad to welcome into the brotherhood of Sigma Phi Epsilon at a very impressive formal initiation, the following eight men: Horace Melvin Porter, Agr., '17, Fullerton, Cal.; Wayne Kraemer Ball, Agr., '17, Los Angeles, Cal.; Quincy Lorenzo Wright, Pre Legal, '18, Tennyson, Ind.; Richard August Stumm, Let. & Sc., '19, Berkeley, Cal.; Arendt Jensen, Jr., Commerce, '19, Gardnerville, Nev.; Maurice Elliott McCreery, Mech. Eng., '19, Los Angeles, Cal.; George Garrison Mitchell, Pre. Leg., '19, Los Angeles, Cal.; Harry James Schilling, Chem., '19, Orosi, Cal. The following men have been pledged and will be initiated during this month: John McMahon, Comm., '19, Berkeley, Cal.; D. Stearns Jameson, Jr., Comm., '19, Canistota, N. Y.; Lee McAuley, Comm., '19, Oakland, Cal.

On November fifth, California Alpha will hold her annual banquet at Tait's Cafe in San Francisco, and it is expected that

a large number of Alumni will be present to celebrate this enjoyable evening. Big plans have also been laid for a house dinner to the brothers and their lady friends on the evening of the sophomore hop.

Our house orchestra is still working wonders in the land of Harmony. Brothers Caldwell and Reames, cornetists, are both playing in the University Cadet Band, while brothers Arendt and McKune are playing violins in the University Orchestra.

Military is playing a very important part in the lives of our boys. Brothers Himmelmann, Smith and Dawson are proud possessors of captaincies; brother McKune has been made a quartermaster-sergeant and some of the other brothers are corporals.

The inter-fraternity baseball series has started. In our first game we obtained twelve runs and knocked out four pitchers in one inning. This speaks well for our team from the batting standpoint. It looks as though we will be able to "clean up" the league this year and bring home the cup. The team has been greatly strengthened by some of the new brothers. Brothers Ball and Porter, pitcher and short stop, respectively, for last year's Occidental College team; Jensen, Schilling and pledges McCauley and McMahon,

Two of our freshman pledges, Jameson and McAuley are still out on the freshman football squad bidding well for positions. Brother "Swede" Karstensen has made the 'Varsity soccer team and is one of the fastest boys in the league. Brothers Ebbe and Gus Brelin are still showing their gymnastic ability by retaining their membership in the Polyducean Club.

Brother Johnny Benton has been elected business manager of the "Occident" one of the University's largest publications. Brother Mitchell is busy on the "Daily Californian" staff and is doing remarkably well for a freshman.

Brother Caldwell has again succeeded in securing a lead in the English Club production "Prunella". Brother Akin-Leavy is trying out for intercollegiate debating.

Brothers Cornwall and Robertson were not able to return to college this semester on account of business. Brother Aitken has transferred to the University Farm at Davis to continue his course in Agriculture. It is needless to say that these boys are missed very much.

We were glad to welcome Brother John T. Urner as a transfer from Kansas Alpha. John has landed the position of catcher on the "Sig" baseball team and together with Brother Stumm is taking a part in the Treble Clef production of a musical comedy "Keeping It Dark".

Brother Harold Morton has returned this semester after an extended trip in South America. Brother Fancher has also come back to us from the University of Oregon where he has been for the past two years. Brother Lee is still with us continuing his course in Agriculture as a post-graduate.

Wishing all her sister chapters a most prosperous and successful year, California Alpha closes with greetings and best wishes to all.

*Orville R. Caldwell,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

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### NEBRASKA ALPHA

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#### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

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Meets every Monday at 7:00 p. m. in the Chapter House at 1319 Q. St.,  
Lincoln, Neb. Phone B. 1482.

Just at this time, the beginning of the sixth week of the school year, Nebraska Alpha finds herself well over the rigors of a strenuous rushing season and the proud possessor of ten excellent and very promising freshmen, all of them having been preceded by numerous recommendations which they have so far succeeded in living up to as no previous bunch at our house ever has.

Following her usual custom, Nebraska Alpha is again placing every one of her active members and pledges in some one or more lines of school activities. We are absolutely truthful when we say that Sigma Phi Epsilon last year had more men in school activities, honorary societies, etc., than any other fraternity at Nebraska; and we are starting out this year to equal if not to surpass the record of '14-'15.

We have five men out for football, three of whom are on the varsity squad. Five of our members are in the University Cadet Band which is rated as the best in the country. Bro. Taylor has been re-elected university cheer leader with Bro. Keeffe as assistant. Brother Scott has just been elected to Sigma Delta Chi—Journalistic; and Bro. Peard to Phi Alpha Delta—Law. Bro. Scott is again writing the music for the Kosmet show. Bro. Koupal is editor in chief of the "Daily Nebraskan". "Rube" Ruby, last year's president, has just returned from his summers work with the U. S. G. S. north of Estes Park in Colorado. Much of his time was spent above timber line and he brings to



us many humorous and interesting anecdotes of "high life" in the mountains and timber.

*Glenn S. Everts,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
NEBRASKA ALPHA.

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## WASHINGTON ALPHA

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### WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

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**Meets every Sunday at 8:30 in the Chapter House, 511 Colorado St., Pullman, Wash. Phone 218.**

Washington Alpha again takes pleasure in extending to all sister chapters the heartiest of greetings. Successful as we have been in the past, it is our sincere wish that each and every chapter may continue to enjoy its prosperity and to reap new laurels in the ensuing year.

School commenced the 20th of September and all were glad for the change from the three months of hard work that was the lot of most of us during the summer.

At the present time we have twenty-two members and pledges in the house. Nineteen of the old members are back and three of last year's pledges. We have been quite successful in the fall rushing, having placed the little red button on six promising new men whom we hope some day to introduce to you as brothers.

Football and cross-country are the only branches of athletics that are receiving any attention at the present time. On the football squad Brothers Dietz and Bangs are again making good showings in the back field—Bangs at left half and Dietz at right half and fullback. Brother Talley is also doing good work at half on the second team. In cross-country, brothers Melrose and W. Passmore are endeavoring to uphold the name of Sigma Phi Epsilon. We are expecting Brother Lewis soon to help us out in this activity.

After we bade you farewell last spring, we initiated two men whom I now take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large: Jack Bates, History and Economics, '18, Stanwood, Wash., and Ervin E. King, Agriculture, '17, Davenport, Wash., who were initiated May 30, 1915.

Brother King is business manager of the "Washington Agriculturist"; circulation manager of the "Evergreen"; and holds a position on the "Chinook" staff. He is also vice president of

the junior class. Brother Carl Dietz was elected vice president of the students assembly in the spring elections, and also holds a seat in the executive council. Brother Russell Turner was appointed a director of the co-operative store for the ensuing year. Brother Emory D. Alvord, captain of last year's football team has accepted a position as instructor in farm crops in W. S. C. Brother Alvord was graduated last spring.

Washington Alpha has long wanted a home of its own and has finally succeeded in purchasing two very desirable corner lots, upon which it is hoped that we will be able to build in the near future.

During the late summer those members who were at the chapter house were much pleased to receive a visit from brother Donald English. The only regret was that he could not remain longer to meet the rest of the chapter. Brothers Rex Gardiner and Ralph Holgerson were also here for a few days' visit. We were much pleased to meet brothers Van Hise and Johnson of Wisconsin Alpha, who tarried a few moments while canvassing in this part of the state.

We are always glad to have any of the brothers drop in whenever they pass thru this vicinity. Our doors are always open and we assure you a warm welcome within.

Fraternally,

*Waldo O. Passmore,*  
*Acting Chapter Historian.*

WASHINGTON ALPHA.

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## MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

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### MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

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**Meets every Monday evening in Chaper Hall, North Dormitory,  
Amherst, Mass.**

Once again Old Farther Time has turned his hour glass and the sands of another college year are ready to be sifted. The past year has been one of accomplishment for many of our brothers and of neglected opportunities for others. But in these active times there is little chance to dwell on the past; instead we must face the future with a new determination to "do".

The first regular meeting showed that we had lost from our number none but the senior delegation; these we could not wish back as they are now entered on their voyage of life. But there are others at hand and we have set to get them with the most active rushing season that Massachusetts Alpha has ever

known. It is not over yet but "things are coming our way". Since our last letter we have found two new brothers—good men and true. They are: Ralph W. Reese, A. B., B. Sc., Instructor in Pomology, Amherst, Mass., and Theodore Henry Reumann, Agr., '18, New Bedford, Mass. We are also glad to welcome back Bro. Bent who has been at work for a year.

At the close of the last college year when activities were coming thick and fast we found two brothers particularly busy: they were Brother Masse who wrote the first musical comedy ever produced at M. A. C. and Brother Nicholson who directed and staged the production. During his three years in college "Jim Nick" has worked continually with one aim, that M. A. C. should occupy a leading place in college dramatics. Hard work has met its received reward and today we rank among the larger colleges in the quality of our productions. These are, however, not all of our active men for Bro. Blanpied leads the Glee Club, Bro. Mattoon is leader of the Mandolin Club, Bro. Cushing the Band, while Bro. Harrocks is president of both the debating club and of the public speaking council and Bro. Hagar, '16, is class treasurer.

Since opening the college year Bros. Dodge and Davis have paid us visits. Bro. Bartlett has returned to work on the Campus. Two announcements of interest have been received: Married, Sept. 18th—Miss Mae Helen Hall to Bro. John G. Wing; Engaged—Miss Caroline E. Noble to Bro. Harold M. Rogers.

During the spring term the following men were elected and installed in office to serve us during the session of 1915-1916: James T. Nicholson, Harold G. Mattoon, William S. Coley, Charles R. Wilbur, Dwight F. Barnes, Everett L. Upson.

In closing, we wish to add that Massachusetts Alpha has started the year with ambition and intention of making Sigma Phi Epsilon pre-eminent in our college life and to promote and maintain the high standard which she has always held. Wishing our sister chapters a prosperous year and extending a hearty invitation to visit us whenever possible, we remain

Fraternally,

*Dwight F. Barnes,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

## NEW YORK BETA

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### CORNELL UNIVERSITY

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**Meets every Sunday night at 6:45 p. m. at Chapter House, 112 Edgemoor Lane, Ithaca, N. Y.**

The younger of the New York State chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon has entered upon the school year with the brightest of prospects. Cornell opened last Wednesday and that date found thirty-two of our last year's actives back, together with two pledges and Brothers Erskine of Pennsylvania Delta and Beer of Vermont Alpha, both of whom may affiliate.

This fall finds more of the brothers out in University activities than ever before. Brother "Stu" Cooper now holds the responsible position of assistant manager of the varsity track team as a result of the competition for that position that closed last May. "Stu" will manage the team next, his senior, year. Brother Hale is manager of the Varsity golf team, and in that capacity holds a seat on the minor sports council. Brothers Dana and Gates are both members of the University Glee Club, pronounced by New York and Chicago critics the finest in the collegiate world. Brothers Inscho and Ryerson, both sophomores, are playing fullback and end respectively on the varsity scrub football team. Under the tutelage of Dr. Sharpe there is little doubt that both will develop into players of varsity calibre before the present season ends. Brothers Malcolm and Morey are competing for major sport managerships, the former for baseball and the latter for football. While their exact standing cannot be determined, both are known to be well to the fore. Brothers Davis, Morey and Bushnell comprise a valuable part of the University Mandolin Club. Pledges Cuneen and Taylor are active in 1919 athletics. The former has proved the best punter on the freshman squad and has been playing a halfback position regularly. "Dutch" Taylor has shown considerable ability in the dashes and is hard at work under that greatest of all track coaches, Jack Moakley.

The athletic association has planned the opening of the new Schoellkopf Stadium for Saturday, October 9th, at which time the varsity eleven will oppose Williams. On this date we are planning a reunion of S. P. E. Alumni and have already heard from several to the effect that they will be with us. First period rushing is now close upon us and with the co-operation of all the brothers, we expect to take into the fold, at least ten of the entering class. Communications would be appreciated from any of

the brothers knowing of worthy men coming here this year. In closing we extend hearty greetings and wishes for a prosperous year to all the other chapters.

*Victor L. Klee,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
NEW YORK BETA.

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## RHODE ISLAND ALPHA

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### BROWN UNIVERSITY

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**Meets every Monday evening at 7:30 in Rooms in Caswell Hall.**

Here we are, back again, from the pleasures of a profitable vacation, all ready to work for another successful year for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

We greet our brother chapters and hope that they have had as pleasant a vacation as we and are sure that they have returned to their respective institutions prepared to do or die for good old Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The conditions under which we are to strive this year are somewhat different than those of other years. As you all probably know there are twenty national fraternities here at Brown and the rushing period which used to occur during the opening weeks of college was rather strenuous, because of the great competition. Men in college were unable to buckle down to their academic work because their attention was entirely devoted to the entertaining of freshmen; and, on the other hand, the freshman got the idea that college was all theatres, dances, and smokers, and received a poor start.

This situation had been getting worse every year, and finally the faculty and the prominent men in college got together and planned out the following scheme, which we are now trying out.

(1) No freshman shall be allowed to join a fraternity until he has passed twelve semester hours of his first term. This was a rule made by the faculty to back up the other parts of the scheme.

(2) No fraternity entering into the agreement shall pledge a freshman until after November 30, 1915. A special date being set aside for general pledging, which is done by written invitations given to the interfraternity governing board, who delivers the invitations to the persons addressed. An immediate answer from the invited person is required.

(3) No invitation shall take place until the beginning of the second semester; that is in February.

There are also other rules pertaining to slandering, cliques, and secret pledging. Any fraternity violating the above rules is publicly disgraced in the college publications and any freshman violating the rules is to be refused membership in all the fraternities entering the agreement. Seventeen of the twenty fraternities have entered the agreement, and two members of each are delegated to meet as the interfraternity governing board, which sees that the agreements are obeyed and punishes the violators of them.

These regulations give the freshmen more time to decide and the fraternities more time to look over the prospect. There are perhaps many arguments against this system, and while we, ourselves, do not entirely agree, we shall give it a trial, for any system cannot be so bad as that which prevailed before.

Various competitions in the college activities are under way and Rhode Island Alpha has her representatives in all fields except track.

Brother David Steel, '16, has survived the first three trials for the Mandolin Club and bids strong to making his place.

Brother H. P. Leonard, '16, expects to make the chess team again this year and is a member of the senior board of the "Liber Brunensis".

Brother Lowe, '17, has entered the junior competition for the position of editor-in-chief of the "Liber Brunensis".

Brothers Steel, '16, and Hagstrum, '17, are out for the glee club and Hagstrum has made the chapel choir.

Brother Keach, '17, was elected captain of the varsity second football team, and plays the position of full-back. Other brothers are getting ready to enter other competitions.

All the brothers were recently entertained in a royal manner by our esteemed brother and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Marshall, at their home in Ashton, R. I. The doctor and his wife have just celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary and we are sure that all the other chapters will join with us in sending congratulations to them and wishing them many more anniversaries to come.

Our first social event of the year will be a Hallowe'en Dance on October 30 and we expect to have a bang-up time.

Success to one and all,

*Newton P. Leonard,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
R. I. ALPHA.

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**MICHIGAN ALPHA**

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**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

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**Meets each Tuesday evening in Chapter House, 621 South State St.,  
Ann Arbor, Michigan.**

After many hearty greetings the brothers of Michigan Alpha are again assembled for another year of college work. In this, our first letter of the year, we wish to extend our best wishes to all the sister chapters.

Things have started off with a bang! this year. We were very fortunate in only losing two of our brothers, Hone and Cunningham, through graduation last semester. The rest of the brothers are back and hard at work.

Michigan seems to be a very popular place for Sigma Phi Epsilon affiliates this year. We have not been able to ascertain whether this is due to the fine chapter we have here or the school, but we are inclined to believe the former. We are affiliating Brothers Liebbers of Iowa Alpha, Buchhagen of Ohio Gamma, and Sprague of Rhode Island Alpha.

We have also been very fortunate in being able to pledge seven of the best men on the campus whom we will introduce later.

One of our biggest problems since our installation has been the question of moving to a new locality and at last it has come to pass. We have purchased a new home which has one of the finest locations here, being only one block from the campus and in the fraternity district. Although the house is not a new one it has been remodeled within the last year. On the whole we have a very delightful and comfortable home. The first gift to the new house was a beautiful oak buffet presented by Brother Maas. He designed and saw the making of this himself.

Just now everything is football and all eyes are turned to Brother "Johnny" Maulbetsch. Last spring Johnny underwent a serious operation for appendicitis and there was a little doubt as to his being able to be in the game this year, however, all doubt is over. To have seen him play in our first two games has been sufficient proof to show that "Maully" is the same old "German Bullet". It will be of interest to know especially to those who were able to help, that "Maully" won the motorcycle offered by the Liggett-Meyers Company to the most popular man on the campus by a two to one majority over the next highest candidate.

Another surprise to the football enthusiasts will be to see a two hundred sixty pounder playing guard, but Brother "Fritz"

Rehor, (and he weighs every bit of it), has that position about cinched.

This summer we were very pleased to have with us Brothers "Parson" Rights, "Quaker" Wilson, "Lady" Hinkle all from Indiana Alpha and Brother "B. S." Carson from Missouri Alpha who took courses in summer school here. With the help of these brothers we were able to start a new custom at Michigan by having a summer school house party, which was a great success.

Sigma Phi Epsilon are in hopes of taking the championship in the fall tennis tournament this year. This should be practically easy with Brothers Baker and Liebbbers in the field.

Again wishing all the sister chapters the best of success for the coming year, we remain

*R. R. Baker,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
MICHIGAN ALPHA.

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## IOWA ALPHA

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### IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

**Meets every Tuesday at 7 p. m. at Chapter House, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.**

We wish to extend greetings to all Sigma Phi Epsilons in this our first letter of the college year. We hope that you have all had marked success in your attempts to secure the best as wearers of the little red shield. Iowa Alpha has been fortunate indeed, nine of the best men in school having taken the pledge oath since the middle of September. They have already given proof of their caliber. One of them secured the captaincy of the freshman football squad and the others are rapidly falling in line for all that is best in various college activities.

With the roll call of the first meeting of the college year we found that several of the brothers who were undergraduates last year had not returned to their Alma Mater. Brothers McCarger and Edblom, '17, left us to take up advanced work at Missouri and Chicago Universities respectively. Brother McCarger goes to the show-me state to study Journalism while Brother Edblom will take a course in sociology at the Midway. Brothers Stuckey and Noelke, '18, were also among the absent ones, Brother Stuckey remaining out on account of sickness and Brother Noelke because of the acceptance of a position with a manufacturing house in Des Moines. The loss of these brothers coupled with the graduation of four men, last June gives us a small chapter for the first semester's work.



Football at Wesleyan is well under way and as usual Sigma Phi Epsilon has her share of representatives on the gridiron. Brothers Wahl, Hunter and Grant of last years varsity are again in uniform and playing their old positions. Brothers Ballew and Oatman, last year's freshmen, have secured places with the college first team men.

In other branches of college activity we are well represented, Wahl and Kemble are writing orations to be given in the state preliminary contest the latter part of October while several other brothers are to compete in the tryout for college debating teams.

Although we are in an out of the way place we have at times, the privilege of entertaining a few brothers who happen to be in our city. During the summer we enjoyed visits from Bro. Jim Webster who has been a missionary in China for the last five years, Bro. Drummand who was with the Coburn players when they appeared here at commencement time and Bro. Lymer of the Wisconsin Alpha chapter. We greatly appreciate the visits of these men and wish all brothers to hunt us when they are in this part of the country.

Our officers for the year follow: Edward Wahl, Laurence Truitt, Ronald Johnson, Harold Kemble, Edward Weston, Jay Hunter.

Fraternally,  
IOWA ALPHA.

*Edward F. Weston,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## COLORADO BETA

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### UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

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**Meets every Tuesday evening at 8:00 p. m., at the Chapter House, 1939 E. Evans Street, Denver Colorado.**

With the opening of a new term, Colorado Beta is looking forward to a year of success and prosperity. Eighteen old members are back in school, and we are well represented in every school activity. Following a most successful rushing season, we take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large, the following brothers: Charles La Rue Henderson, Arts, '17, Manchester, Ohio; Emerson L. Ellsworth, Arts, '17, Fowler, Colorado; Raymond William Jones, Arts, '18, Beuna Vista, Colorado; James Archibald Land, Arts, '18, 1249 So. Pennsylvania St., Denver Colorado.

Athletically, Colorado Beta is showing up well. Brothers Bingham, Allsworth, Weinberg, Hoffman, A. Anderson, Preston, Morris and Bunger are all out for the football team and practically each one has a position secured. Pledge G. Anderson is proving the backbone of the "squad", and is earning the name of being the best halfback in the state. The team this year is under the direction of Brother John W. Fike, '12. Brother Fike made a big reputation as a High School coach and we all wish him success in his venture into college athletics.

The University has just completed a very successful campaign for a half million endowment. Several of the brothers figured most prominently in securing the amount. Brother Bunger, in particular, was very active having charge of one of the teams and of his work we are all proud.

Socially we have not been behind the other organizations. Several smokers have been held, and on September 23 an intended beek-steak fry, on account of the bad weather, turned out to be an informal party. No one seemed, however, to mind the change and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

There is not an organization or activity in school which does not have a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon among its members. The prospects for a better year than last are bright, and in the future Colorado Beta expects to appear more conspicuous in social, scholastic and athletic enterprises, than ever before.

In closing we hope that this may be the best and most successful year for each and every member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,  
COLORADO BETA.

C. L. Rice,  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## TENNESSEE ALPHA

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### UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

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**Meets every Sunday at 2:10 p. m., in Chapter House, 1218 W. Clinch Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.**

Tennessee Alpha begins her third year as a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon with excellent prospects. Twenty men are back and we all returned with the determination to work hard for the interests of the chapter and to begin by pledging those, among the new men, who were best fitted to represent the fraternity at U. T. in the future. To this end several smokers and informal rushing affairs have been given and eight freshmen are already

wearing pledge buttons. We are to be congratulated on having pledged every one of these men and we look forward with pleasure to the time when they can be introduced to the fraternity as brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Every member of the chapter was deeply grieved to hear of the sudden death, from heart failure, of Brother Clifton E. Pitts on August 27th, at his home in Glen Alpine, N. C. Brother Pitts was formerly of N. C. Gamma but he affiliated with Tennessee Alpha in September, 1914, and was soon doing his share in the various chapter activities. His death is regretted by all who knew him at U. T. and in him Sigma Phi Epsilon loses a worthy member.

On May 29th last, the third annual banquet of the chapter was held at the Cumberland Club. Brother J. C. Thomason acted as toastmaster and many excellent talks, in which the true Sigma Phi Epsilon spirit was manifested, were given. In addition to the active members, Brothers L. J. Barnes, Joe Gilbreth, and Frank Morrel, alumni members of Tennessee Alpha, and Brother Moore, an alumnus of Pennsylvania Epsilon, were present.

We have won, for the second consecutive time, the Gordon Scholarship Cup, given to the fraternity making the highest average grade each term. Permanent possession is obtained by winning the cup three times in succession and, needless to say, we hope to become owners by the results of last term's examinations, which have not yet been announced.

In football, Brothers Fred Thomason, Graham Vowell and Morris Vowell will represent Sigma Phi Epsilon. Each of these men won his letter last fall. This is Brother Thomason's fourth year on the team. He is one of the most valuable, as well as one of the fastest, men on the eleven and can be relied upon to play his usual strong game at right half. Brother Graham Vowell, playing for the first time on the Varsity last year, was a large factor in the championship U. T. team through his line plunging and general ground gaining ability. He was highly spoken of by Southern sporting writers and many of them predicted for him a position on the 1915 All-Southern Team. His work in the early scrimmages and in the first game this season shows that he will not disappoint us. Brother Morris Vowell is also showing up well in practice and will make a dependable line man.

Brother Fred Bibb won the junior law class scholarship by making the highest grade during the year 1914-15. Fred certainly deserves this honor as he won out in the face of much competition. He was also president of his class. Brother W. T. Evans, who received his degree in Agriculture last June, returned for

postgraduate work and was appointed major of the U. T. Battalion. Brother G. W. Small received an appointment as adjutant and first lieutenant. Brother John B. Baker is president of the Y. M. C. A. for 1915-16, vice president of the Agriculture Club and historian of Alpha Zeta. Brother Evans is vice president of the U. T. Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi and Brother Thomason is a member of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet.

The officers for the year are as follows: G. E. Cate, president; Graham Vowell, vice president; E. H. Malone, secretary; E. W. Lehoenheit, treasurer; R. J. DeFord, assistant treasurer; H. R. Allen, historian; J. Fred Bibb, guard; Morris Vowell and O. B. Rippy, marshals.

We extend hearty wishes to all the chapters for a most successful year and an invitation to any brother, passing through Knoxville, to visit us.

*H. R. Allen,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
TENNESSEE ALPHA.

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## MISSOURI ALPHA

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### UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

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**Meets every Sunday night at the Chapter House, 1409 Rosemary Lane, Columbia, Missouri.**

Missouri Alpha sends heartiest greetings to all her sister chapters. Our prospects for the year are very brilliant. We got a "running start" this fall for twenty-two actives returned, all of them "chock-full" of enthusiasm. Our rush week was very successful too, as we pledged fifteen of the best men on the campus. Some of the men are very active in freshman football and promise to make valuable athletes for the chapter.

At the conclusion of rush week, the chapter gave a dance for the pledges.

We chose as our Pan-Hellenic representatives for the year Brothers Duren and Chapman, by virtue of their dignity and super-abundance of gray matter.

"Genie" Black who has entered the medical school has been pledged Phi Beta Pi.

Bro. Roy Harrison of Kansas City, favored us with a visit the first week of school, and since then we have also enjoyed short calls from "Nig" Porter of Montgomery City, Don Libbey, '15, of Centralia and Jay Barton, '15, who is now teaching in the High School at Jefferson City.

A great change has come over us since last spring. Maybe you can guess what is meant by "change" when I tell you that we now have a matron. She is Mrs. Carl Johnson, the wife of our Bro. Johnson, and it would be impossible to conceive of a better or more winsome matron than we now possess. Bro. Fred Price, Kansas Alpha, also married this summer, and he and Mrs. Price live just two doors from us. Mrs. Price and Mrs. Johnson are both Zeta Tau Alpha's from Baker University. So, things with us are more homelike than ever before.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large three new brothers initiated at the beginning of this session: John Morgan Roberts, B. S. Agr., '14, Louisville, Ga., initiated September 19, 1915; Winslow Eckley Hutchins, A. B., '18, Kansas City, Mo., initiated September 23, 1915; and Isaac Veda Le Bow, Eng., '18, Mt. Vernon, Mo., initiated October 14, 1915.

On October 11, 1915, we also initiated as an honorary member and wish to introduce Kelly Lee Alexander, Columbia, Mo. Mr. Alexander is a leading musician of this section, and director of the University Glee Club.

We will be delighted to have any traveling brothers drop in to see us. With best wishes to all for a successful year, we remain,

*Paul Koontz,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
MISSOURI ALPHA.

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## WISCONSIN ALPHA

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### LAWRENCE COLLEGE

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**Meets at the Chapter House every other Monday evening at 7:15 at 690  
Lawrence St., Appleton, Wis.**

The Wisconsin Alpha is on the job again and extends to her sister chapters best wishes for a most successful year. School opened ten days ago, and we are just settling down to the old routine of work. We are beginning to hit our stride again, and we feel confident that we will be able to maintain a good stiff pace.

All of the fellows who are back say that they enjoyed their vacations and show indications of a lot of pep. Many of our brothers have not returned, but have gone to larger institutions to continue their work. Brothers Witthuhn, Moody, Peck, and Irish are attending the University of Wisconsin, the Hardy

brothers are at Michigan, Brother Bruce is doing post-graduate work at Illinois, and Brother Amundson has left for Harvard Law School. He has just returned from a trip to the Panama Exposition, and was very enthusiastic over the welcome he received when he visited Colorado Beta and California Alpha.

We have about twenty men at present and are looking forward to pledging eight or ten more this fall. The fraternities at Lawrence are limited to thirty members, so we cannot pledge more than ten men. Pushing is at its height and we believe that there is a wealth of fraternity material in this year's class. We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large Mr. Herman Smith, M. A., whom we initiated into Wisconsin Alpha, September 22. Mr. Smith is an instructor in the Conservatory of Music at Lawrence, and we believe will be a valuable addition to our chapter and the fraternity as a whole.

*N. H. Smith,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

Fraternally,  
WISCONSIN ALPHA.

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## PENNSYLVANIA ETA

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### PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE

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**Meets every Monday at 6:30 p. m. in the Chapter House, 249 Pugh St., State College, Pennsylvania.**

When college opened this fall, we found fifteen of our old men back with the avowed purpose of making this chapter, although the youngest, one of the best in the fraternity.

We wish to take advantage of this our first opportunity of addressing the fraternity at large, to thank our sister chapters for their kind messages of good cheer and best wishes for our success.

There is no definitely defined rushing season at Pennsylvania State and as a result, all our spare time has been occupied in "rushing" new men. We have no special report to make at this time, other than we have three pledges and prospects of getting at least three more within the next few days.

A social event long to be remembered was a smoker given to our new men on September 18th. Cards, games, and music were the chief sources of amusement, after which a light lunch was served.

The results of the election of officers for the ensuing year are as follows: E. W. Quiggle, J. M. Jackson, H. J. Williams,

A. H. McFadden, F. A. Good, R. S. Shultz, P. S. Mock, H. W. Rugh.

Pledges Bright, '17, and Cornell, '19, have reported for orchestra practice. Brother McFadden has answered the call for candidates for baseball manager and we feel sure that something must fall our way.

The musical end of the chapter is being nobly upheld by Pledges Cope, '17, and Brothers Williams, '16, and Shultz, '18, all members of the Glee and Mandolin Club.

Brother Williams is out for his old position on the soccer team and will undoubtedly be found on the team this year as well as Pledge Cope.

Brother Weber was recently elected to the Eta Kappa Nu, an Electrical Engineering Fraternity.

The president of the college gives to the fraternity having the highest scholastic standing at the end of each semester a loving cup. As a local we never got a chance at it but we hope to be somewhere near the top this year.

We will hold our first house party on Pennsylvania Days, November 4-6th and we wish to take the opportunity of inviting all members of Sigma Phi Epsilon in our vicinity to visit us at that time.

We were glad to receive a visit from Brother John B. Steadham of Ala. A., now traveling with the Hoover-Smith Co. and we hope to have the pleasure of entertaining other brothers in the future.

In closing, Pennsylvania Eta wishes all her sister chapters success during the new school year.

Fraternally,  
PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

*F. A. Good,*  
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